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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Fall 2007 issue of the Wesleyan Magazine! As our cover suggests, we are celebrating Wesleyan's Investment in Women and Science. Without question, our greatest achievement in quite some time is completing the Munroe Science Center and filling its rooms with bright, capable, and enthusiastic students and faculty. Munroe is the new face of Wesleyan, which makes us all proud indeed. Join us on November 2, 2007 for the dedication of this fabulous center. The ceremony will honor the Munroe sisters for all the incredible gifts they and their families have shared with Wesleyan College over the past 75 years.

We are thankful beyond words for the vision and loyalty of these three wonderful women – Mary Gray Munroe Cobey '34, Julia Munroe Woodward '34, and Margaret Munroe Thrower '35. We are grateful also for the generosity of several major donors whose extraordinary support made construction of the Munroe Science Center possible: Randolph Thrower, the Peyton Anderson Foundation, one anonymous foundation, the challenge donor who inspired our Atlanta area alumnae, the Bradley - Turner Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Tull Charitable Foundation, and the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation. We have been blessed by many other individuals, corporations, and foundations that have named rooms and invested generously in the sciences and technology at Wesleyan College.

You can get a glimpse of the building as you look through the pages of this issue, and I think you will see why we are so excited about this new campus centerpiece. Learn about design challenges, architectural details, and environmentally friendly features. Meet three extraordinary working mothers who, behind the scenes, kept the multi-million-dollar project on time and under budget.


We celebrate the Golden Hearts in this issue also. In May, Wesleyan advanced 95 new graduates to bright futures. Of those who earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wesleyan, 16% earned double majors and 36% earned honors. The majority of the class immediately secured professional positions or

accepted the challenge of graduate school. Read about our celebration of their Commencement and enjoy especially meeting seven superb representatives of the Great Golden Heart Class of 2007. With interests that range from theatre and music to public health and international law, these wonderful women of Wesleyan will make you proud. They certainly give us solid evidence that today's Wesleyan experience continues to produce smart, well-rounded, and talented leaders who aim high and appreciate the sisterhood we all share.

Of course, we also include plenty of pages dedicated to the fun-filled 2007 Alumnae Weekend, the recognition of another group of exemplary alumnae, and lots and lots of alumnae news in Class Notes. In fact, we're experiencing such an increased volume of Class Notes this year that we've let them spill over to the website. And if you haven't stayed connected, then meet the Lunch Bunch on page 24. This group of buddies from the Class of 1949 will inspire you to call a few sisters. Why not do just that – and then let us know about all the joy you discover.

You can stay connected, too, by becoming part of our newly formed Alumnae Admission Representative program, capably led by one of our own, Tracy Ward Tilley, a Pirate from the Class of 1989. Under Tracy's leadership, we are recruiting and building a solid team of alumnae volunteers all over the country who will make connections with prospective students in their hometowns, cover college fairs when our counselors aren't available, and sponsor receptions and other events for potential Wesleyannes to meet alumnae and one another. As we celebrate every one of the 700 or so students at Wesleyan now (a 9% increase over last year), we want the myriad benefits of the investment we have been making in women since 1836 to reach many more each year. You, our alumnae, are our greatest resource for spreading the good news of Wesleyan College. I know we can count on you to help!

My best to you all,



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INVESTING IN WOMEN & SCIENCE

Through its New \$12.5 Million Science Facility, Wesleyan is Investing in Women & Science

Students arrived on campus this fall to find the new Munroe Science Center, a dynamic campus centerpiece, open for business. A dedication ceremony scheduled for November 2, 2007 will officially celebrate the opening of Wesleyan's first academic building in more than forty years, although the \$12.5 million facility is already bursting with activity.

The new state-of-the-art science facility will serve an increasing number of Wesleyan students enrolled and majoring in biology, chemistry, psychology, and computer science, while also addressing the great need throughout our state and nation for women who are skilled in medicine, scientific research, computer technology, and mathematics.

Externally, the structure features classical Georgian-style architecture in keeping with the historically significant buildings on Wesleyan's campus, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Clad in brick and cast stone, the building's exterior is rich in texture. Three arches grace the entrance on the south façade, which faces the campus quad, in keeping with the other buildings that face the quad. Six Doric-style columns ornament the front entrance on the north façade, which faces the main road leading into the city of Macon.

Internally, the facility showcases innovative materials, a modern and highly functional layout, and strict attention to environmental and biosafety standards. Features throughout the building such as new fume hoods, a built-in deionized water system, an

environmental room, and modernized air handling represent huge advances in terms of safety and comfort. Energy- and water-saving devices such as occupancy sensors and waterless urinals are resource-sensitive.

"The Munroe Science Center provides Wesleyan with a state-of-the-art facility for teaching students about modern scientific theories and techniques," according to Munroe Chair of Life Sciences and Associate Professor of Biology Wanda Schroeder '80, Ph.D. "And faculty members are particularly excited about how the facility provides more opportunities for hands-on research experience."

Through its eleven teaching laboratories and nine research laboratories, the new facility encourages faculty/student collaboration on research projects, contains interactive laboratories for specific experimentation, and offers individualized instruction in an environmentally efficient and safe setting. State-of-the-art laboratories include cell biology, ecology, physiology, immunology, and instrumental analysis labs as well as general biology, physics, and chemistry labs. While teaching laboratories serve as classrooms, two technologically advanced classrooms also are used for instruction. Among its many specialty science spaces, the 42,000-square-foot facility includes an astronomy observation deck, a greenhouse, a vivarium, and an environmental room.

"The increase in space and number of labs is by itself a huge advance, aside from how

high-tech and lovely those spaces are," said Wesleyan Associate Professor of Biology Jim Ferrari, Ph.D. "We in Biology are going from two teaching labs to five! This means we don't have to set up then take down lab materials like we used to, when multiple classes were using the same room every week. This is great for students because they can study the materials that are left out not just for a day but for a whole week."

Aside from more efficient use of space, Dr. Schroeder noted, "We now have the infrastructure (smart boards, for example) needed to take advantage of all the technologies available for more effective teaching methods such as DVD and web animations. Information, such as diagrams drawn in class, can now be saved to the Wesleyan server so that students can have access to this information outside of class time. Professors now use Power Point presentations in class with vivid illustrations and embedded videos for teaching. My teaching style has totally changed in the last five to six years with the advent of new technologies. The new labs and equipment make this even more available to instructors and students."

The new research spaces provide more opportunities for students to be engaged in scientific exploration, which in turn provides them with a much better understanding of what they are learning in class. These opportunities are vital to the students' success for admission to professional and graduate programs.

MUNROE SCIENCE CENTER DEDICATION Friday, November 2, 2007

Wesleyan invites alumnae and friends of the College to the Munroe Science Center Dedication on Friday, November 2, 2007, at 2pm. Surgeon, oncologist, medical educator and civic leader Dr. LaSalle Doheny Leffall, Jr. will deliver the ceremony address. Leffall has served as visiting professor at hundreds of medical institutions in the U.S. and abroad. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery and a fellow of both the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Gastroenterology. His professional life has been devoted to the study of cancer, especially among African Americans, and has included service as the president of the American Cancer Society. Cancers of the head and neck, breast, colorectum, and soft part sarcomas are his main areas of interest. Leffall has taught thousands of medical students and trained hundreds of general surgery residents. In 1995 he was elected president of the American College of Surgeons and in 2002 was named chairman of the President's Cancer Panel.



WHAT'S INSIDE?



General Chemistry Lab. In this laboratory, students experiment with a wide-range of chemical reactions which proceed by acid-base, oxidation-reduction, and synthesis mechanisms. In addition, students gain hands-on experience with cutting-edge, computer-interfaced instrumentation to collect and manipulate data.

The Greenhouse includes two rooms, one humid and one dry, so faculty and students can maintain all manner of plants for use in teaching and research.

Astronomy Observation Platform. The observation deck provides astronomy field study opportunities for groups of approximately twenty students, with space to set up and use five telescopes. The astronomy platform also proves useful for experiments in environmental science that require outdoor measurements.

Environmental and Analytical Chemistry Lab. This dual-use teaching laboratory gives students studying analytical chemistry and environmental chemistry hands-on experience with real-world samples. In addition to serving as the setting for experiments, this space is also used for class sessions and student presentations.

Environmental and Analytical Chemistry Research Suite. This smaller laboratory space was designed for faculty/student research in the areas of environmental, organic, physical, and analytical chemistry. Current research in this area includes evaluating soil and plant samples to remediate the impact of global warming. Planned student research projects involve quantitative measurements of the concentration of metal and organic compounds in fish. In order to accommodate these research plans, this area houses an environmental chamber, a cold-room storage source, and numerous other analytical tools such as pH probes and balances.

Inorganic and Physical Chemistry Lab. This dual-use teaching laboratory was designed for both inorganic chemistry and physical chemistry class sessions, student presentations, and laboratory experiments. Students in physical chemistry are introduced to principles of chemical thermodynamics and quantum mechanics, whereas those in inorganic chemistry explore the structure, bonding, and reactions of inorganic compounds.

Instrumental Analysis Lab. This lab introduces students to chromatographic and spectroscopic instrumental methods of analysis, providing students with hands-on experience with modern



NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

instrumentation and equipment. Plus, students in other courses and those conducting independent research projects use the equipment housed in this space. For example, students in organic chemistry often use this lab's infrared spectrometer to determine their synthesized products' chemical "fingerprint," powerful qualitative information.

Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry Lab.

Supporting organic chemistry and biochemistry courses, this teaching lab features student work stations with fume hoods lining the perimeter of the room. The center of the room is home to seminar-style tables and seating for class discussion and student presentations. Students are introduced to methodologies in organic synthesis, extraction, and product purification.

Chemical Separations Research Suite.

This faculty/student collaborative research laboratory is aimed at chemical separations. Current research in this area includes quantitative pharmaceutical analyses with the use of high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Particular research projects target antidepressants, antipsychotics, as well as new pharmaceutical formulations believed to lessen the symptoms of Parkinson's Disease. This laboratory will also house additional state-of-the-art instrumentation for chemical separations as the scope of our work in this area is extended.

Computational Chemistry Research Suite.

This faculty/student collaborative research laboratory is aimed at computational chemistry and artificial neural networks. Current research in this area includes the prediction of molecular structures and chemical and physical properties of molecules. Particular research projects have focused on certain classes of anti-cancer drugs in an effort to characterize which molecular structural features enhance the effectiveness of individual drugs and to predict the effectiveness of newly-proposed drugs. This lab houses a variety of personal computers — each with a variety of computational chemistry, neural network, and statistical data analysis software — and a link to a UNIX workstation.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Suite.

This experimental room, together with its isolated control room, provides dedicated space for housing and operating a nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, a state-of-the-art instrument which enhances the instrumental analysis capabilities of students and faculty.

Developmental and Reproductive Biology Lab.

In this lab, students manipulate, detect, and amplify DNA using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and "in silico" data mining techniques.

You may honor a family member, friend, professor, or business by making a gift to name a space in the new Munroe Science Center. In appreciation of your support, we will recognize donors at certain giving levels by naming individual teaching laboratories, research laboratories or other Munroe Science Center spaces in honor of individuals or businesses. For complete details about each opportunity, contact Vice President for Advancement Debbie Smith at 478.757.5131 or dsmith@wesleyancollege.edu.

Environmental/Analytical Lab \$300,000
Developmental and

Reproductive Biology Lab \$300,000

Ecology Lab \$300,000

Physiology Lab \$300,000

Inorganic/Physical Chemistry Lab \$300,000

Instrumental Analysis Lab \$300,000

Organic Chemistry/Biochemistry Lab \$300,000

Behavioral/Neurosciences Lab \$300,000

Animal Suite \$300,000

Courtyard \$300,000

Environmental/

Analytical Research Suite \$175,000

Cell and Molecular Biology Research Lab/

Developmental Research Lab \$150,000

Classrooms (2) \$150,000 each

Community Learning Center \$100,000

Chemical Separations Research Suite \$100,000

Computational Chemistry

Research Suite \$100,000

Physiology Research Lab \$75,000

Laboratory Support Rooms (13) \$25,000 each

2nd Floor Lobby/Gathering Space \$25,000



IT'S ALL IN THE DETAILS

From Forsyth Road, the Munroe Science Center looms with massive dignity and presence. Its structure is twice the size of the Taylor and Tate Halls that flank each side. Yet, the building carries the same presence, distinction, and style of other historic buildings on Wesleyan's campus.

A primary challenge facing architects of the Munroe Science Center was the development of a modern building designed to visually complement a campus built in the 1920s. Nearly eighty years ago, Wesleyan acquired the two hundred acres on Forsyth Road and began building what was originally referred to as the Rivoli Campus. The 1928 Master Plan for the campus was designed at that time, and today it

continues to guide the construction and development of all projects on Wesleyan's campus.

"Not many colleges can boast that they have stuck with their master architectural plan like Wesleyan has," commented Rick Maier, Wesleyan's chief financial officer. "We invested a lot of resources into making sure that the integrity of the campus design remains intact."

Maintaining the historical significance of the campus is important aesthetically, but also because Wesleyan's campus was designated and determined historically significant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2004. The College's

beautiful 200-acre wooded campus, along with thirty buildings, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places as the Wesleyan College Historic District.

In the 1920s, a young architect named W. Elliott Dunwody oversaw the design of the new campus. Today, two additional generations of the Dunwody family carry on the family tradition of designing buildings for Wesleyan, including architectural projects involving Hightower Residence Hall, Willet Memorial Library, Murphey Art Building, Taylor Hall, and Porter Auditorium. Gene Dunwody, Sr. and Gene Dunwody, Jr. of Dunwody/Beeland Architects both consulted on the exterior development of the Munroe Science Center and then led the

project on construction details for the exterior. Dunwody Sr. consulted on the site, proportions, and use of materials for the new building.

Those involved in the design and construction of the project claim historical significance is all in the details. For example, the red brick used in the construction of Wesleyan's buildings – old and new — is unique to Wesleyan, and is even referred to as Wesleyan Brick. The bricks are manufactured in Macon by Cherokee Brick & Tile specifically for Wesleyan College. The original bricks were fired in a beehive kiln, a process no longer used in the brick making industry. Now, Cherokee Brick uses a special process in the modern tunnel kilns to replicate the color of the original Wesleyan Brick.

A unique masonry element called the Flemish bond was used on the first floor of the new science center. Flemish bond describes the pattern in which the bricks are laid. It is a more sophisticated and expensive pattern for masonry, but it is in keeping with other campus buildings.

Doric columns are also an integral part of the Wesleyan College architecture. The Candler Building, designed by Philip Schutze, is the only campus building to use Ionic columns instead of Doric. Throughout campus, columns have been produced using various building materials. Tate and Taylor Halls have Georgia marble columns and Porter has wooden; like Willet and Hightower, the Munroe Science Center has cast stone columns.

According to Dunwody Sr. many architectural projects on the Wesleyan campus have shared a similar challenge – to build a modern facility and maintain the aesthetic integrity of the structure. Air conditioning, for example, was not a part of the original campus building designs but today is a necessity. Therefore, elements like the fresh air intake grills on the portico of the science center were blended into the design with minimal effect on the historical appearance of the building's architecture. Two vertical brick chimneys at the roof conceal the laboratory fume hood exhaust.

The firm of Lord Aeck & Sargent (LAS) from Atlanta served as the lead architect for the project and designed both the interior and

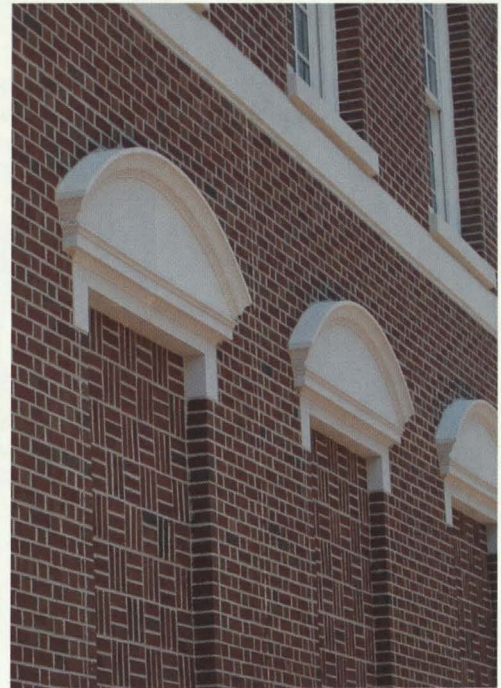
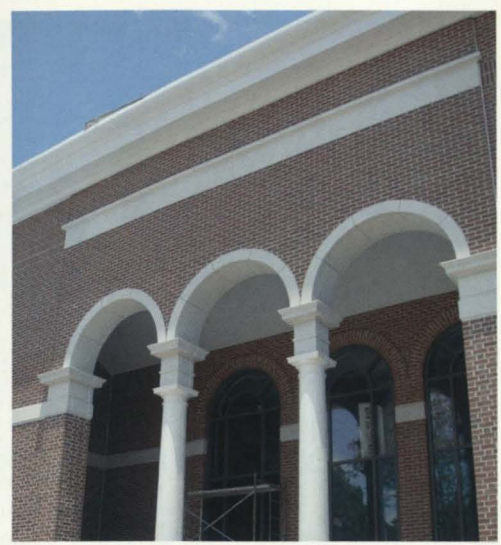
exterior of the Munroe Science Center. Along with the 1928 Master Plan, LAS studied the historic buildings on campus, especially the Schutze-designed Candler Alumnae Center, the arches that lead into the residential quad, Tate and Taylor Halls, and Willet Memorial Library.

The LAS team noted that two critical elements guided the design of the exterior of the science center: the context and style of the Wesleyan Campus from the Master Plan to the existing campus buildings, and also a formal set of rules for designing a building in the classical style.

"In regard to a formal language, rhythm of façade elements and the proportion of parts to whole are the foremost guiding principles. Rhythm relates directly to the facades of the building and the placement of elements. Typically, a classical building consists of a middle section, and two end sections, and is symmetrical around the center. This also applies to the way the building sits in the site," explained Helen Crawford, LAS project manager for the science center. "Looking at the front of campus, the Munroe Science Center sits between Tate and Taylor Halls. Together Tate, Munroe and Taylor form a composition where Tate and Taylor are the ends, and Munroe is a dynamic centerpiece."

The original 1928 Master Plan called for a smaller structure, a chapel, to be built between Tate and Taylor Halls. The new science center design takes the same principles laid out in that master plan into the current design work so that the same formal language, façade, and proportion of parts are presented and all three buildings have a cohesive presence.

It is appropriate to remember the adage "all old things are new again" when gazing at the towering cast stone columns on the front of the Munroe Science Center. The building's presence not only represents Wesleyan's admiration and affection for its past but also conveys Wesleyan's confidence in the bright future ahead for the College and its students.



on time & under budget

Behind the scenes, 3 extraordinary women ensure Munroe stays on time and under budget

Delays and overruns might be expected on a construction project as large and complex as Wesleyan's Munroe Science Center. So how did this project turn out so well and still come in on time and under budget? According to President Ruth Knox, "Our three project leaders deserve the credit. Not coincidentally, all are women!"

The primary partners in any major construction project are the owner, architect, and contractor. The individuals chosen to represent these parties on the Munroe project were each working moms with successful careers in nontraditional industries for women.

Kelly Bledsoe Facilities Director
Wesleyan College

Kelly joined Wesleyan in 1998 and became Facilities Director in 2005. Her duties include new construction as well as all building operations and grounds maintenance on campus.

"The biggest challenge of the Munroe project came months before we broke ground. Prices were going wild in early 2006 following hurricane Katrina and it was difficult to get the design in sync with the budget. President Knox and the faculty worked hard to make the changes that allowed us to lock down our costs and move forward. Once construction began, we limited change orders to the few things that we couldn't have anticipated, like fluctuating water pressure from the utility company. Having architects and contractors with a lot of experience in constructing science facilities on other campuses was a huge advantage."

Kelly and her husband, Donald, have six children and live in Bonaire, Georgia. In addition to taking professional facility management courses, Kelly is planning to receive her degree in Business Administration from Wesleyan in the next two years.

Jennifer Dunn Project Manager
The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company

Jenn's ten years with Whiting-Turner include managing and supervising construction work at UGA and Emory University. Once assigned to the project, she and the WT team rented apartments near Wesleyan and worked full-time at the construction trailer on site.

"Working on the Munroe project with the people from Wesleyan, Lord Aeck & Sargent, Dunwoody Beeland, and the local trade-contractors was fantastic. We thought we would have to meet more often with the owner and architect, but throughout the project, we addressed all of the issues and questions in biweekly meetings in the trailer. Even Mother Nature cooperated; the dry conditions helped us avoid any serious delays. There was so much enthusiasm and momentum on the campus, given the history of the project, that it was easy for the entire construction team to take pride in being part of the effort.

"I had an extra incentive to finish the work on schedule!" adds Jenn. "I had my first baby in July. It was especially rewarding to take leave on a high note after such a fun experience."

Jenn has a degree in chemistry from Florida State University and a master's degree in building construction from the University of Florida. She and her husband, Donald, live just north of Atlanta, but plan to be back in Macon for the next Cherry Blossom Festival.

Helen Crawford Lead Architect
Lord Aeck & Sargent

Helen joined LAS in 2001. She has worked on many academic and research science projects at colleges and universities, including the University of Arizona, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Clemson University.

"One of the most important reasons that construction of the Munroe Science Center was a success is because of the strong working relationship between Wesleyan College, the design team, and the construction manager. It takes a lot of people to design and construct a building and a clear system of communication is key. Early in the process, the design team studied the original campus master plan and the historic buildings on campus. During the design process, the architects and consultants met with the faculty regularly and also developed sustainable, energy saving tactics that met the College's budgetary agenda. In addition, we specified locally fabricated materials, such as the brick. Before construction began, we all met for a "partnering session." Thirty key people including College officials, architects, engineers, and contractors met on campus to understand each other's expectations and get to know one another better. The foundation of cooperation we built that day grew and flourished during the entire project."

Helen is a registered architect in the state of Georgia and a LEED-accredited professional. She has a degree in architecture from Parsons School of Design in New York and a master of architecture from Princeton University. She and her husband, Ron, and son, Joe, live in Atlanta. They are expecting their second child this October.

The success of these three women in leading the project translated into big savings for the College. Not only were potential overruns avoided, but the final cost was slightly under the \$12.5 million budget... funds that can be used to renovate the former biology and chemistry spaces in Taylor Hall. Just as importantly, opening the new Munroe Science Center as planned in August should significantly enhance student retention and recruiting. "I'll miss all the excitement of the project," said Kelly Bledsoe. "Let's build something else."

Article by: Rick Maier, Wesleyan College Vice President for Business and Fiscal Affairs

Pictured left to right: Kelly Bledsoe, Helen Crawford, and Jennifer Dunn.



By the Numbers

283 tons of structural steel

42,000 square feet

150 workers

370 days of construction

42,960 square feet of drywall

10,000 lineal feet of lab piping

2,050 cubic yards of concrete

6,200 lineal feet of acid waste piping

219,350 bricks

5,880 square ft of biology teaching labs

20 laboratories

16 instructional and research support spaces

87 windows

100% complete wireless (wi-fi) network

800+ wired network ports

10 electronic Smart Boards

1 Symposium electronic touch screen

31 naming opportunities available

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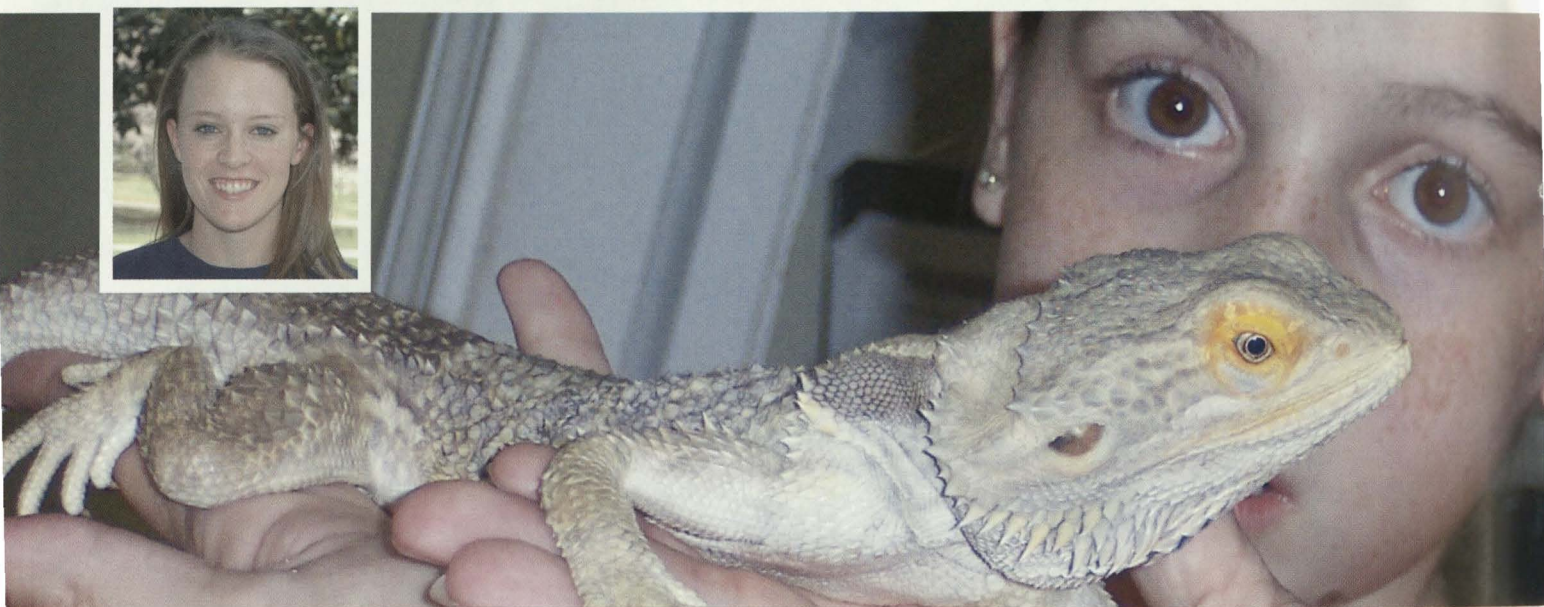
When Maddie Allsup was a sixth grader in Pittsboro, North Carolina, her classmates did not think it was "cool" to be smart — especially in the subjects like math and science. Maddie was not influenced by her peers, and instead embraced these subjects fully. One of her teachers showed her the brochure for a math and science camp for girls, and quickly Maddie's friends, family, and church members raised money for the camp tuition and travel expenses. That year, she came to

school girls to view math and science in new ways. During the crucial middle school years, girls make important decisions about their interests and abilities in math and science. Engaging summer camp experiences counterbalance the influence of fixed gender roles that cause girls to disconnect from math and science.

"We give them engaging experiences that are meaningful and make them want to continue learning about these fields, so

has been named to the Dean's List and participates in the honors program. She plays on the softball team and has received several scholarships and awards for her academic and personal achievements.

Maddie's *Spectacles* participation was more than just a first-time overnight camp experience. It was the first time she had ever been challenged academically. The camp introduced her to subjects like



Wesleyan and attended *Spectacles* summer camp.

Each summer, Wesleyan hosts *Spectacles* to expose rising sixth through ninth grade girls to various fields within the math and science curriculum. The girls are housed in campus dorms, sessions are taught in the College's state-of-the-art science and math laboratories, and many Wesleyan students serve as counselors. In addition, campers are given an opportunity to interact with women scientists, mathematicians, engineers, doctors, architects, and computer scientists.

Spectacles offers campers exciting activities designed to encourage middle

that their love of math and science lasts beyond the summer," said Dr. Holly Boettger-Tong, director of the Center for Women in Science and Technology.

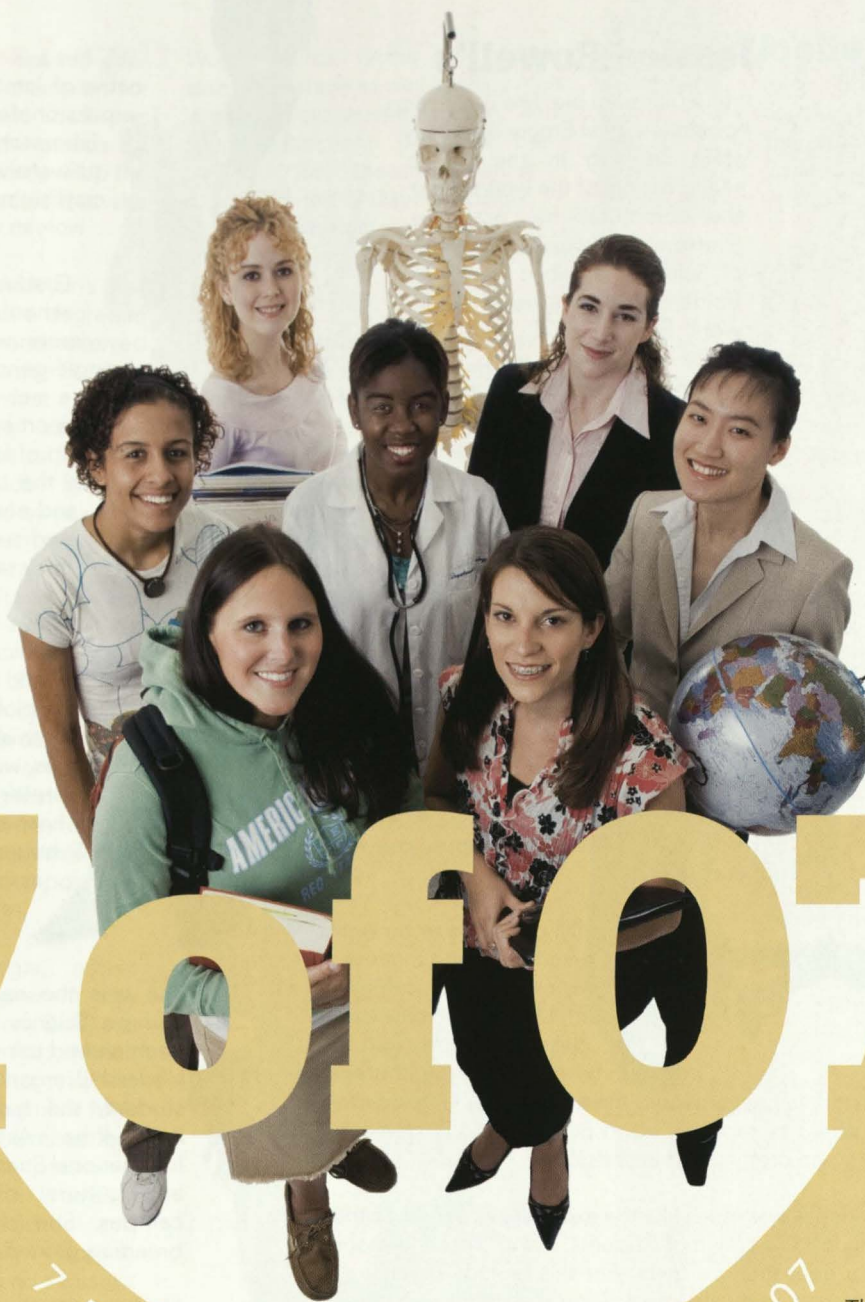
"I think when we let the girls meet the chemists, biologists, mathematicians or other professionals, they can really see themselves in that role. They love asking questions and making connections with these speakers."

Girls like Maddie Allsup are impressed. In fact, Maddie not only fell in love with math and science, she fell in love with Wesleyan and is now a junior majoring in international relations and Spanish and minoring in socio-cultural studies. She

computer science and biology that were not available in her hometown middle school curriculum.

"I was so encouraged to meet other girls who liked being smart and active," remembers Maddie. "I'm from a small community where opportunities like *Spectacles* are not always available."

Nearly a decade after her own experience as a *Spectacles* camper, this summer Maddie served as a counselor. Who knows? Maybe she will be one of the featured speakers at a future camp session and empower a young girl to embrace her intelligence and love of math and science.



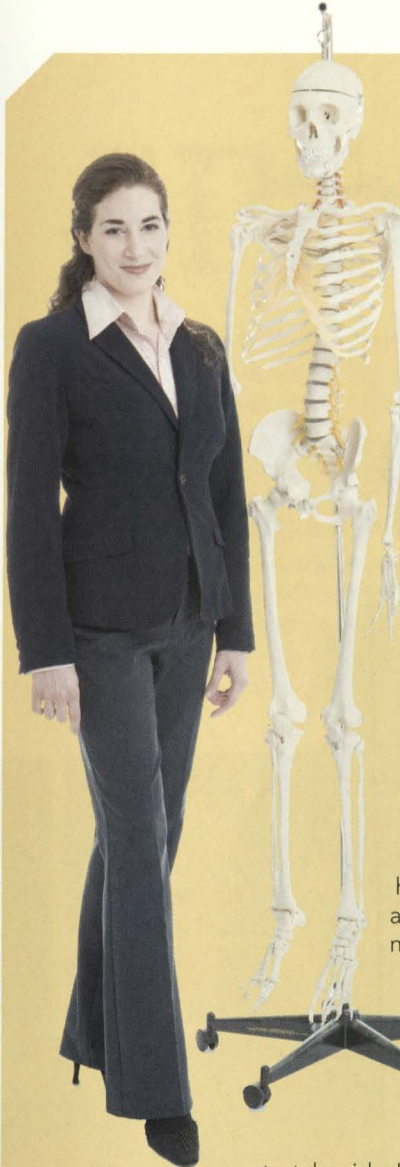
In May, 73 new graduates earned the Bachelor of Arts degree at Wesleyan; 16% of those with double majors, 36% with honors. More than 60% of the class immediately secured professional positions in their fields of study and/or had accepted positions in graduate programs prior to commencement. All, but one, who applied to graduate school programs were accepted. Top majors for 2007 were: political science/international relations (16%), education (15%), psychology (15%), business/economics (14%), and biology/chemistry (14%).

Many Wesleyan graduates enter the workforce with unique qualifications and have combined major and minor programs in ways that separate them from other job-seeking candidates. Double major combinations of 2007 graduates include: political science with Spanish, biology with psychology, economics with international relations, economics with advertising & marketing communication, and economics with chemistry.

7 Representing the Class of 2007

Once again, Wesleyan produced several fine educators for Georgia. Those education majors also garnered the highest average starting salaries making this major the most marketable for grads this year. But overall, more 2007 Wesleyan graduates will pursue business-related professions than any other field. They are well prepared with degrees and majors in business administration, economics, and international relations. Wesleyan students taking the business ETS exit exam in 2006 ranked in the 95th percentile, nation-wide, in overall performance. Several of them will be attending some of the most competitive graduate programs in the nation and around the world.

While the numbers are interesting to analyze, the real stories are the students themselves. Despite the major field of interest, Wesleyan's rigorous academic program combined with a foundation of faith and service produced graduates unified through engaged leadership and a commitment to pursue more purposeful lives. Meet 7 representing the Class of 2007...

A woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blazer over a light-colored collared shirt and dark trousers, stands next to a full human skeleton. The skeleton is positioned on a black metal stand with four legs and wheels. The background is a solid light yellow color.

Jessica Rowell's

future plans are big. She is studying epidemiology at Emory University while working in the public health capital of the world. After she completes her graduate coursework and earns a Master's of Science in Public Health in Epidemiology, she would like to work for the CDC or CARE. Once equipped with more experience in her field, she plans to improve healthcare access in rural areas of developing countries.

Right now she has her eye on Guatemala. Traveling with a Wesleyan study abroad program, she visited the country and saw many needed improvements. She has a deep appreciation for the strength and determination of the Mayan people and she hopes to use what she learned at Wesleyan to return there and to set up health clinics in the smaller towns. These enormous ambitions despite her claim that just four years ago, when she arrived on the Wesleyan campus, she was not confident.

"The small campus size brought out a personality in me that even I didn't know before I came to Wesleyan! I found my voice both in the classroom and in the community, and found the courage

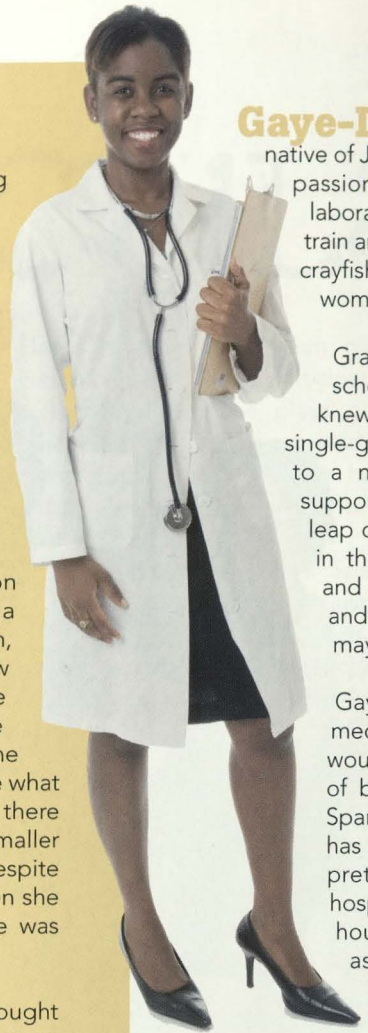
to take risks I never would have taken at a large school.

I wasn't afraid to raise my hand in class, and in doing so often I found that I had some pretty good answers!"

Jessica's Wesleyan experience was much like the experiences of many other women. Instead of being lost in a crowd of students, she and her professors worked hand-in-hand as education partners. For this biology/psychology double major, that became an invaluable tool. Soon she discovered career possibilities, found mentors, and learned about herself.

For Jessica, attending classes and participating in research with other female students and having four strong female faculty role models in biology and psychology gave her more confidence in her abilities. While earning her undergraduate degree, she had the opportunity to work on stem cell research, perform brain surgery on rats, research serial pattern learning in rats and humans, intern at a school for behaviorally and mentally disordered children, present her research at a national psychology conference, attend dozens of leadership conferences, and teach science classes to public middle school students.

"I have a variety of interests, so a liberal arts education was the perfect choice for me. If you choose to earn your bachelor's degree at Wesleyan – no matter what your major choice and future career goals are — you can succeed beyond your expectations," said Jessica. "And if you want to dedicate your life to making a difference in the world, there's no better place to get started than here."

A woman with short dark hair, wearing a white lab coat over a dark skirt and black heels, stands with a stethoscope around her neck. She is holding a clipboard and a pen. The background is a solid light yellow color.

Gaye-Leon Williams

 is a native of Jamaica, fluent in Spanish, and passionate about her extensive laboratory research on the spike train analysis of superficial abdominal crayfish muscles. She is a unique woman with unique interests.

Graduating from an all-girls high school in Kingston, Gaye-Leon knew what to expect from a single-gender education. But coming to a new country and building a support system of new friends was a leap of faith. She leapt and landed in the close-knit Wesleyan family and now feels prepared to adapt and survive anywhere her career may take her.

Gaye-Leon's future plans include medical school; beyond that, she would like to incorporate her love of biology with her skills in the Spanish language. Already, she has worked as a medical interpreter for a large teaching hospital and has spent countless hours in a biology lab either assisting other students or researching alongside her professors.

She was the recipient of the prestigious Munroe Science Scholarship and also has been named to multiple honor societies and leadership organizations. As an international student, she held leadership positions in AXIS (the Association of eXemplary International Students), Circle K International, and cultural diversity organizations on campus. She claims that Wesleyan is a breeding ground for future leaders.

"I chose Wesleyan because I like to give back," said Gaye-Leon. "It has been so easy to find a niche here. With outreach initiatives and various honor societies and organizations, there are so many leadership opportunities."

Although not a native of middle Georgia, Gaye-Leon quickly invested in the local community. She rebuilt and cleaned up playgrounds, wore jeans for justice, wrote cards for U.S. troops and terminally ill children, worked at a nearby children's home, and participated in plenty of WOW! A Day for Macon community service projects. Through Wesleyan's KISMET program, where her language skills and science background were highly valued, she taught parents how to help their children with science projects.

Ashley Hare is a self-proclaimed theatre geek, champion for the underdog, and activist. She knows who she is and what she stands for and she wants children to develop the same strength of character that she possesses.

In May, she became Wesleyan's first student to graduate with a degree in the new theatre major and received the Outstanding Theatre Student Award. Following graduation, she moved to Boston for an internship with the North Shore Musical Theatre. The excitement builds for an unforgettable Act III, and by year-end she will begin an internship with the prestigious children's theatre company Imagination Stage Theater in Washington, DC.

According to Wesleyan Professor of Theatre Frazer Lively, Ashley is not just an up and coming theatre director but more of an architect for cultural change, simply using theatre as a tool. Evidenced through her experiences to date, she is already making a tremendous impact for positive social change.

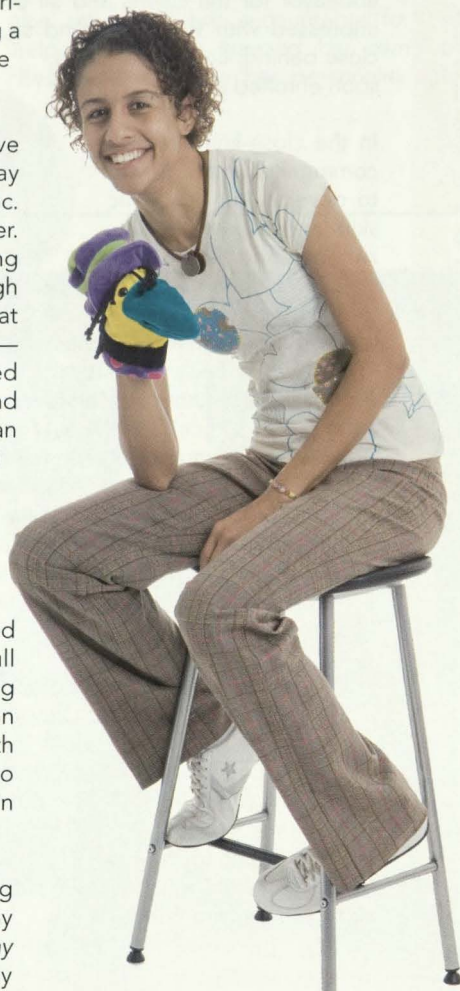
The Columbus, Georgia, native credits much of her present day outlook to the organization, Girls, Inc. and hometown mentor Ruby Moler. Both were instrumental to teaching and guiding Ashley through her high school career. It was in Columbus that she became involved in her passion—educational theatre. She attended Jordan Vocational High School and was a member of the JAAVA (Jordan Actors Against Violence and Abuse) theatre troupe. They presented productions that spoke to their audiences about alcoholism, abuse, and domestic violence.

As a high school senior, Hare received the prestigious Betty Corn full scholarship awarded to an outstanding Girls, Inc. student to attend Wesleyan College. She came to Macon with the same zeal and commitment to theatre that she had at home in Columbus.

Actively involved in theatre during her four years at Wesleyan, many remember her on stage in *Steal Away* and her direction of the one-act play

Words, Words, Words. She was an asset back stage as well fulfilling roles in stage management, lighting, and sound direction. Through her passion for theatre, Ashley supported the V-Day campaign to stop domestic violence and abuse against women and young girls.

This architect for cultural change made a wide impact when she introduced a production with social relevance to hundreds of children and educators in the Middle Georgia community as her senior theatre project. Directing a cast of four actors, Ashley presented *Cootie Shots: Theatrical Inoculations Against Bigotry* by Norma Bowles to four Bibb County elementary schools. When the children gave Ashley and her cast a standing ovation, she claimed it was difficult to keep her composure. "Children can learn and change through theatre," she said.



Noelle Goodman has a voice like a nightingale, the demeanor of Mary Poppins, and the stage presence of a Tony award-winning actor. She came to campus with a not-so-traditional high school experience. From kindergarten through high school graduation, Noelle was home-schooled – an interesting background for an early childhood education major preparing for a career as a teacher.

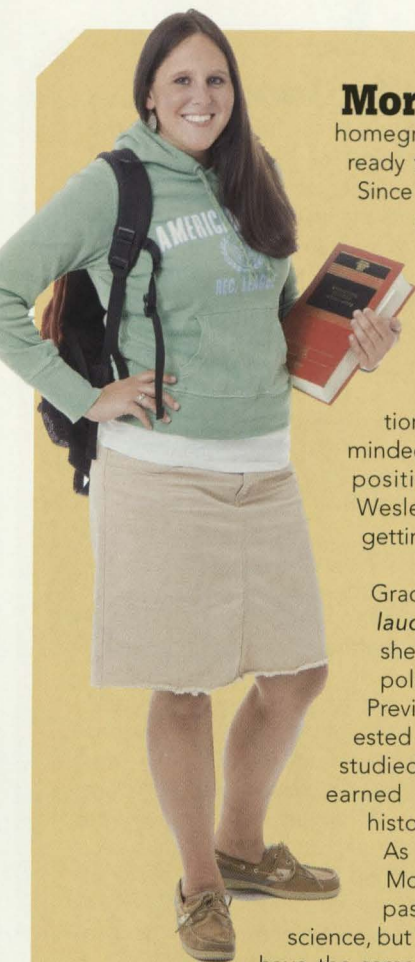
"When I went to do my student teaching, I had never been through some of the routines that most school kids know – like fire drills and lining up to go to lunch," said Noelle. Although she satisfied degree requirements to graduate in May 2007, she has decided to return to Wesleyan and complete additional coursework in music. Equipped with a double major in education and music, Noelle plans to pursue a master's degree and to someday teach kindergarten.

Wesleyan's small, close-knit campus was the perfect place for Noelle to transition from her home-school environment to a college life. She wanted a school where she could get to know her professors and rely on them as her education partners. After the first day of class, she proudly called home and told her mother that her music professor gave out his home phone number.

"I was impressed that the teachers at Wesleyan want you to succeed and care about how you are," remembered Noelle. "My outcomes at Wesleyan are due to the faculty and their interest in me – I would have gotten lost at a big university."

During Noelle's four years on campus, she invested in faith-based scholarship with the Wesleyan Disciples and performing with the Wesleyannes. But according to Noelle, at Wesleyan it is hard not to be an active participant in the college experience. From class participation to friendships to school clubs and organizations, Noelle learned that: "you cannot NOT become a leader."





Morgan Felts is a homegrown Georgia girl ready to take on the world. Since high school, she has seen her future from a global perspective and has known that she wanted to choose a profession where she could be internationally based. Globally minded and inspired toward positive change, this Wesleyan woman is just getting started.

Graduating *summa cum laude* from Wesleyan, she is the school's first political science major. Previously, students interested in political science studied a curriculum that earned them a degree in history/political science.

As a first year student, Morgan recognized her passion for political science, but knew that she did not have the same level of interest and

enthusiasm for the history curriculum. After discussing her concerns with Associate Professor and Department Chair Barbara Donovan, Morgan was asked if she could only major in political science would she be interested in that degree? "Absolutely," said Morgan, who entered the new program and became the first student conferred a degree solely in political science.

In actuality, two graduates in 2007 earned the political science major. But by luck of the alphabet — F comes before T — Morgan earned herself a place on the list of *Wesleyan Firsts*.

This past summer, she began law school at the University of Georgia and plans to specialize in European Union law. As a senior honors program student, Morgan spent much of the last year preparing her senior thesis, "The European Union: Security Community or Security Complex? The Implications for Turkish Membership." She is thrilled with an upcoming opportunity to study abroad with the UGA School of Law in the summer of 2008 at the Institut d'Etudes Européennes of the Université Libre de Bruxelles, a summer-long seminar on European law in Brussels, Belgium.

"The European Union is fascinating to me," said Morgan. "It is a complete experiment unfolding before us and no one knows the outcome with consequences that affect the globalized world."

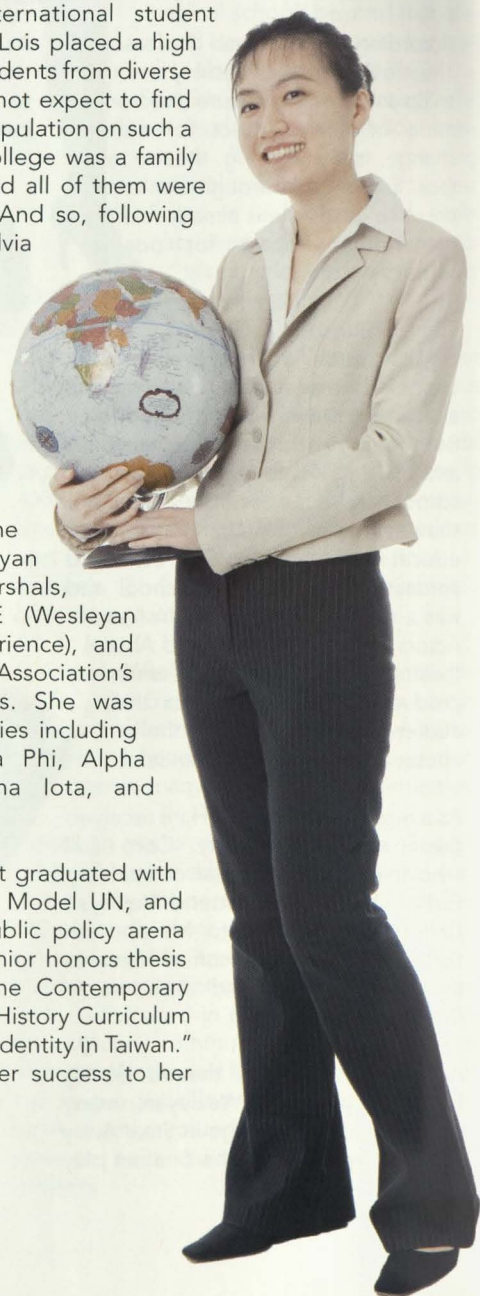
"Lois" Huei-Yu Chen arrived on the Wesleyan campus with a clear career goal — to become a diplomat or work in the foreign ministry. With a double-major in economics and international relations and a minor in French, she is well-equipped to achieve her goal. This *summa cum laude* graduate was accepted into master's programs in public policy at the world's most prestigious universities in her field. She is now a graduate student at the London School of Economics studying public policy management. From there, she will pursue work in either the public or private sectors in her chosen field.

Ten years ago, Lois and her family moved to Dallas, Texas, from Taipei, Taiwan. She speaks four languages, including her native Chinese, English, French, and Japanese. At Plano High School in Dallas, Lois graduated as one of two hundred honor graduates in a class of over one thousand students. When applying for college, she and her family considered only the nation's finest colleges.

Although first interested in larger national universities, Lois was impressed by Wesleyan's small campus and big focus on academics. She believes that combination provides opportunities to increase intellectual self-confidence through class discussion, clubs and organizations, and leadership opportunities. As an international student traveling across the world, Lois placed a high value on interacting with students from diverse cultures, although she did not expect to find such a large international population on such a small campus. Finding a college was a family endeavor for the Chens and all of them were impressed with Wesleyan. And so, following close behind, Lois' sister Sylvia soon enrolled as well.

In the close-knit Wesleyan community, Lois was able to develop her academic skills and also her organizational and leadership abilities. Her resume reflects participation in the most elite groups on campus — the Alumnae Office's Wesleyan Ambassadors, Junior Marshals, Admission Office's WAVE (Wesleyan Admission Volunteer Experience), and the Student Government Association's Council of Judicial Affairs. She was recognized by honor societies including Mortar Board, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Sigma Iota, and Omicron Delta Epsilon.

This Chinese honors student graduated with a 3.9 GPA, participated in Model UN, and got her feet wet in the public policy arena when she presented her senior honors thesis on "Is Taiwan Chinese? The Contemporary Educational Reforms in the History Curriculum and the Search for National Identity in Taiwan." But she credits much of her success to her supportive environment.





Academically, **Morgan Faircloth** feels that she may have succeeded anywhere. But to be successful in any career, she needed to develop time management and leadership skills – and that she said is where Wesleyan made all the difference.

This *summa cum laude* graduate majored in business administration with a concentration in accounting and minored in economics. Upon graduation, she accepted a staff auditor position for the State of Georgia Department of Audits.

But, don't think that Morgan is a bookworm who relates to numbers better than people – she's not that kind of accountant. While at Wesleyan, Morgan maintained a 4.0 GPA and a rigorous line-up of extracurricular activities that included senior class treasurer, Mortar Board, Investment Club, and the academic honor society SPLINTERS. She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, the cross country team, and Wesleyan Disciples.

Morgan came to Wesleyan from the small town of Baconton, Georgia ready to take on a stringent academic program and make a name for herself. Determined and focused, she concentrated on academic achievements and excelled. Looking back, Morgan recognizes that not only was the faculty accessible but also they held her accountable for her work and helped her excel beyond her own expectations. Because they knew her personality,

they could assist her when applying for scholarships and jobs.

Her first visit to campus was as a high school freshman attending a cheerleading camp. A couple of years later, when considering college choices, she did not apply anywhere else. "I just had a feeling this was the place for me," she said. Morgan wanted to concentrate on her school work and felt that Wesleyan would be a supportive environment. Wesleyan exceeded her expectations.

For someone who "does not have any biological sisters," sisterhood proved to be a big part of Morgan's college experience. "I definitely have some of the best sisters in the world now."

She loved participating in sisterhood traditions, like STUNT, because they always brought the four classes together and allowed opportunities to get to know other classmates better. Time flies by at Wesleyan according to Morgan, and her biggest regret is not taking more pictures and spending more time with friends. Of the unique sisterhood traditions that run deep at Wesleyan – candle lighting will always be one of her favorites.

Morgan found the interdenominational, inter-racial, and international Wesleyan Disciples faith-based scholarship program to be very rewarding. "I am a better person because of Wesleyan," said Morgan. "Being around people who are different from me has given me a better understanding of the world."



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Wesleyan selected by
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"AMERICA'S BEST
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Wesleyan College is one of the nation's best value undergraduate institutions according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company features the school in the new 2008 edition of its book, *America's Best Value Colleges*. The guide profiles 165 colleges chosen for their excellent academics, generous financial aid packages and/or relatively low costs of attendance. In its narrative profile on Wesleyan College in the book, The Princeton Review's editors commend the school for its "tight-knit community" and state, "it's a serious place for women who are serious about broadening their horizons."

The Princeton Review selected the schools for the book based on data it obtained from administrators at more than 650 colleges during the 2005-06 academic year and its surveys of students attending the schools. According to Robert Franek, Princeton Review's V.P.-Publishing, "We considered over 30 factors to identify our 'best value' colleges. They covered four areas: Academics, Tuition GPA (the sticker price minus average amount students receive in scholarships and grants), Financial Aid (how well colleges meet students' financial need), and Student Borrowing. The 90 public and 75 private colleges we chose for this edition offer a terrific education, plus they have impressive records of meeting students' needs for financial aid. We highly recommend them as America's best college education deals for 2007."

Bishop Kammerer's service in the church has included equal years in parish ministries and connectional ministries. Her longtime interests include higher education, mission involvement, and the spirituality of administration. She has served as a director of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women and as a director of the General Board of Global Ministries, including chairperson of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. She has received alumnae awards from both Wesleyan College and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and has been honored with Doctor of Divinity degrees from Bethune-Cookman College (FL) and Pfeiffer University (NC).

Following the commencement address, Kammerer was presented with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree. Wesleyan also presented an honorary Doctor of Laws degree to Frank Cater Jones, who has been on the College's Board of Trustees since 1966, serving as chair from 1981-1987, and who in 2005 began his tenure as Emeritus Trustee. Through the presentation of an honorary degree, Wesleyan desires to honor individuals for careers of extraordinary accomplishment that benefit society through intellectual, professional, and public service contributions consistent with the mission of the College.

With an exemplary career spanning more than fifty years, Frank Jones stands as one of the preeminent lawyers in the United States. He received the B.B.A. degree from Emory University in 1947 and the L.L.B. degree from the Walter F. George School of Law at Mercer University in 1950. Jones has consistently displayed his commitment to excellence, justice, and the highest ethical standards while practicing at the law firms of Jones, Cork and Miller in Macon from

1950 to 1977 and King and Spalding in Atlanta from 1977 to 2001. His stature as a highly regarded member of the legal profession throughout the United States is reflected in the numerous offices he has held including president of the State Bar of Georgia and president of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He has served as a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association for more than twenty years and also as president of the United States Supreme Court Historical Society since 2002.

Jones has volunteered countless hours in service to his state and community and has been a loyal member of the United Methodist Church throughout his life. His family ties to Wesleyan date back several generations and he has guided Wesleyan College as a Trustee since 1966, serving as Chair of the Board, as Chair of the Development Committee, and as an active and deeply engaged counselor and fundraiser throughout his tenure. Frank Jones has shared his time, talent, and treasure with Wesleyan College in countless ways, notably as Chair of the highly successful Forever First Capital Campaign, which raised more than \$44 million for the College under his superb leadership, where his gift and enthusiasm for organization, fundraising, and inspiration resulted not only in significant additions to the College's endowment, facilities, and base of friends but also in recognition for Mr. Jones as the 1998 Georgia Fundraiser of the Year.

Wesleyan awarded degrees to ninety-five graduates, including seventy-three candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree, eight candidates for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, and thirteen candidates for the Master of Arts.



Wesleyan joins national initiative to offer improved consumer resources

New U-CAN website offers prospective students an alternative to national college ranking information.

Wesleyan supports a national initiative to provide comprehensive public information to help prospective students judge the quality of higher education institutions. Currently, no single objective consumer resource exists to help prospective students choose a college or university that best fits their needs. Wesleyan, joining hundreds of other private colleges, is working to offer a solution through a commitment to transparency and accountability. Participation in a new web-based project called U-CAN is one step toward the commitment to offer consumers improved resources.

Recently, the initiative gained momentum and national attention when dozens of colleges and universities publicly announced their decisions not to participate in the most heavily weighted component of *U.S. News & World Report's* annual ranking of America's Best Colleges. Wesleyan is among a growing number of colleges and universities to sign a statement prepared by the Education Conservancy advocating changes in the popular annual college ranking.

By signing the statement, Wesleyan specifically agreed not to participate in the *U.S. News* peer assessment survey and not to cite its past ranking successes with the national publication in future marketing campaigns. Wesleyan will continue to provide all other data to the publication. By opting out of the survey's largest section, colleges intend to encourage *U.S. News* to alter its methodology, to promote best practices

within the higher education industry, and to offer consumers a better resource guide. Preferred methodology would include a wider range of criteria with weighted data that is objective and measurable.

Currently, the peer assessment, or academic reputation, survey is the most heavily weighted portion of the *U.S. News* survey and accounts for twenty-five percent of the final metric. The survey asks presidents and high ranking administrators to rate other institutions based solely on reputation. "It's hardly scientific," said Wesleyan President Ruth Knox, "and the general public should be fully aware of the methodology behind the rankings. I, like most college presidents, simply do not have enough information on any of the 200-plus colleges that I'm asked to judge."

"The *U.S. News* rankings have become so powerful that few look beyond them," said Knox. "We intend to place a greater emphasis on our success in national surveys and studies that examine student engagement and other substantive factors indicative of academic excellence. Encouraging prospective students to consider small class size, accessible facility, post-graduate outcomes, and student engagement will advance higher education in the direction that benefits our students and our communities most."

For Wesleyan, encouraging *U.S. News* to re-examine its ranking methodology is only one part of a larger initiative. Through its decision to sign the Education Conservancy statement, Wesleyan joins other members of the Annapolis Group, an organization comprised of private liberal arts colleges, who have agreed also

to develop an improved consumer resource that presents information about their colleges for students to use in the college search process. The group committed to work with the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities (NAICU) on the development of a consumer information template called the University & College Accountability Network (U-CAN).

NAICU's U-CAN is designed to give, in a common format, prospective students and their families concise, web-based, consumer-friendly, searchable information on individual private colleges and universities. U-CAN consists of institutional profiles that contain comparable data and hyperlinks to qualitative campus information. The information provided in the U-CAN institutional profiles is derived from the U.S. Department of Education's IPEDS survey and the Common Data Set.

"The objections of the Annapolis Group members to the *U.S. News* national rankings, and the NAICU's initiative to offer alternative information, recognize that liberal arts colleges have an affirmative obligation to provide relevant data, especially data focusing on learning outcomes," said Knox. "One instrument cannot measure all kinds of learning, so there should be more than just one authoritative source of information for independent institutions. Through initiatives like the web-based U-CAN, Wesleyan is committed to provide more information and to improve the accessibility of reliable benchmark data for prospective students."

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The Legacy of

HELENA EASTMAN OGDEN CAMPBELL (1879-1964):
AMERICAN PAINTER AND COLLECTOR

Helena Eastman Ogden Campbell (1879-1964; Wesleyan Class of 1897) received the Distinguished Alumnae Award from Wesleyan College in 1951 for bequeathing her art collection to the College for the educational benefit of future generations of students. A protégé of two pioneers of American Realism, Robert Henri and William Merritt Chase, Ogden Campbell was a noted painter of portraits, still life, and florals. Today the Ogden Campbell Collection of American Art at Wesleyan College is comprised of approximately sixty works of art, including paintings, drawings, and prints. The collection includes Ogden's own works, as well as those she garnered from friends in her artistic milieu. Together the works offer a sampling of the tradition of representational artwork that continued to thrive in America during the early 20th century, even as the various schools of Abstract Expressionism moved to the forefront of visual arts culture.

A special exhibition of the Ogden Campbell Collection will be on display November 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008 in the East and West Galleries of Wesleyan's Porter Family Memorial Fine Arts Building. The exhibit will include several paintings that are not regularly on display and are on loan from family members and other institutions. Key paintings in need of conservation will be highlighted as part of Wesleyan's Adopt-A-Painting conservation program. The opening reception will be Thursday, November 1 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Born in Eastman, Georgia, in 1879, Helena Eastman Ogden spent her youth in Macon. Encouraged in her artistic pursuits by her mother, Caro Eastman Ogden, and father, James Monroe Ogden, Helena began her study of art at Wesleyan Conservatory with Miss Mollie Mason, legendary teacher of studio art. Helena

Ogden was a Philomatheon and much of the generosity of her mature life stemmed from the ideals of that organization.

Following the death of her father in 1901, Helena Ogden, with her mother and her sister Susie Ogden, moved to New York City where the sisters could pursue artistic careers with greater opportunity. Helena Ogden enrolled at the Chase School of Art, later known as the New York School of Art, where she encountered renowned artist-teacher, William Merritt Chase (1849-1916). Later, Helena Ogden transferred her artistic study to The Art Students League where she became a part of a cohort of women artists who studied with charismatic artist-teacher, Robert Henri (1865-1929). Ogden left for Paris around 1904 to study painting with French *plein aire* painter Lucien Simon (1864-1945) at the Academie de la Grande Chaumiere. She returned to New York in 1906 and married the Reverend R. Johnson Campbell. A daughter, Mary Campbell, was born in 1907.

In 1908, Helena Ogden Campbell set up a studio in New York City at 139 West 104th Street. Her reputation as an important artist came from her many portrait commissions of notable business, educational, and religious leaders, as well as from an active exhibition schedule. She was accepted into many juried artists associations and prestigious art societies, and also taught life drawing classes at the Barbizon School of Art.

In 1932, Helena Eastman Ogden Campbell conceived an idea to collect the work of her colleagues and donate the collection to her alma mater Wesleyan College. In a letter of 1934, she announced her plan to Wesleyan's president: "For the past year or two I have had an ambition to gather from some generous artists a group of

pictures, some representative pieces of work by well-known people, for Wesleyan. I have had to feel my way before mentioning it to you, but my first expression of this desire was met with so generous an offer that I am writing to you." The first artist to respond to Ogden Campbell's proposal was Gladys Brannigan, with an offer of a watercolor painting of the gateway to the Wormsloe Plantation in Savannah. This particular painting had been exhibited in Boston and in New York by the American Watercolor Society and was sent on a traveling exhibit across the United States by the American Federation of Artists. With this painting, the Ogden Campbell Collection of American Art was begun.

Generosity, trust, and a steadfast character describe this woman who endowed Wesleyan College with a continually enriching gift of art. Although the Ogden Campbell Collection is her most gracious gift to posterity, Helena Eastman Ogden Campbell is remembered as one of a group of women who experienced in the early 20th century a great shift in the art world, as well as in the status of women in America. She was a part of establishing a modernist movement in art that moved women into places of prominence in the emerging American art culture.

This involvement in the art world, then dominated by men, was a courageous and determined effort to participate in a life beyond the reach of most women prior to that time. Helena Ogden Campbell is the benefactor to generations of women in the field of art and academia for her devotion and commitment to the practice and appreciation of contemporary art.

By DOROTHY OGDEN BROWN,
Wesleyan class of 1967 and niece of
Helena Ogden Campbell



SUMMER

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Through the 2007 Summer Leadership Institute (SLI), a group of twelve students plus their faculty and trustee sponsors traveled to Washington and Oregon, from July 28 to August 3, 2007, for a week of intensive study. Traveling to the Pacific Northwest region gave students a chance to analyze the concept of sustainability from natural, psychosocial, and cultural perspectives in native versus urban populations.

"This year's Institute was designed to be an interdisciplinary examination of the influence of different cultures — European, Asian, and Native Peoples — in the Pacific Northwest and of the conflict between maintaining natural resources and the encroaching reality of urbanization," said Wesleyan Associate Professor of Biology Holly Boettger-Tong, one of three faculty sponsors for the 2007 trip. Professors Libby Bailey and Shelly Martin also facilitated.

The 2007 SLI curriculum included pre-trip required reading to prepare the students for an intense itinerary of tours, speakers, and activities. The students visited one of the few remaining temperate rainforests and met with representatives from the Quinault Nation to learn more about their mechanisms for sustaining "Mother Earth" while maintaining a population in excess of six thousand members. Then they traveled to Portland, a city developed in what once was a temperate rainforest. There they were able to explore solutions for sustainability that are being implemented in an urban community of more than six hundred thousand people.



While in Portland, the group compared urban and Native culture and examined European, Native-American, and Asian cultural influences. "Psychological issues related to women as leaders and the social and cultural roles of women in Native communities and in American majority culture were also examined," said Associate Professor of Psychology Shelly Martin. "Psychological issues related to sustainability and the communal rather than individual use of resources were addressed, also."

Throughout the week, participants created their own artistic representations of these locales using watercolor and photography. Portland-area alumnae and President Ruth Knox were involved in other fun activities.

The Portland SLI marks the eighth annual trip since the Wesleyan College Leadership Institute was

established in 2000 by Wesleyan alumnae trustees Diane A. Lumpkin '63, Alexis Xides Bighley '67, and Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63. Trustee and Alumna Judy Woodward Gregory '63 also helped plan the 2007 trip along with the institute's co-founders, and the 2007 faculty sponsors.

The first SLI took place in Denver and Breckenridge, Colorado, where attendees also studied urban strategic planning, particularly the successful revitalization of downtown Denver. The second SLI, held in 2001 in Seattle, focused on genetics and emerging technology with visits to Boeing and Microsoft. Other institute travel sites have included Boston '02, Santa Fe '03, Washington DC '04, Minneapolis/St. Paul '05, and San Francisco '06. Students' expenses (including air travel, lodging, food, and activities) are paid by the Leadership Institute.

Through the Wesleyan College Leadership Institute, selected students have the opportunity to grow and experience leadership possibilities in the real world. Rising senior students are selected each year through a rigorous application and interview process that begins each December. Students attending in 2007 included: GinaMarie Cody, Kris Fenn, Charmin Green, Pragna Halder, Stephanie Hood, Hillary Jarrett, Victoria Johnson, Jessica Kendrick, Avantika Kulkarni, Missy Poole, Carla Ruiz-Ney, and Sehresh Saleem.



Wesleyan's new Dean Dr. Vivian Fowler (left) and President Ruth Knox (right) congratulate Dr. Holly Boettger-Tong (center), the 2007 Quillian Distinguished Teaching Award recipient.

Ruth Knox honored by UGA Law for distinguished service

Athens, Ga. — Wesleyan College President Ruth Austin Knox recently received The University of Georgia School of Law Alumni Association's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Scroll Award. The award is given annually to individuals whose dedication and service to the legal profession and the law school deserves special recognition. The awards were presented during the Law School Association's annual breakfast held in conjunction with the State Bar of Georgia's Annual Meeting on June 16. Also receiving the award was 1987 UGA Law graduate B.J. Bernstein of Atlanta, Georgia.

Fellow Georgia Law alumnus and lifelong friend William D. "Bill" Barwick presented the prestigious award to Knox with "great personal pride and happiness," saying "[Ruth] is one of those great and true people who believes in giving back to the community... It seems as though she was destined for an excellent and wonderful and prosperous career in the practice of law."

Knox said she was grateful to past winners of the award for their "inspiring examples of leadership and service" and was "thrilled and deeply honored" to receive this award from the Law School Association. "I am truly in awe of the distinguished company of previous recipients," she said. She also thanked those present for their service to the profession and to the public and for the examples they set for young people throughout the state.

Boettger-Tong Honored with Quillian Distinguished Teaching Award

During opening convocation, Wesleyan Associate Professor of Biology Dr. Holly Boettger-Tong was recognized with the Nonie A. and William F. Quillian Distinguished Teaching Award. The Quillian Award honors former President William F. Quillian, Sr., who twice served as president of Wesleyan. The award is presented to a faculty member who demonstrates excellence in teaching and commitment to an outstanding learning community and who is regarded by both faculty and students as a premier educator.

In addition to teaching biology, Boettger-Tong is the director of the Center for Women in Science and Technology at Wesleyan College. She also advises the math and science camp, Spectacles, that the College hosts each summer for rising sixth through ninth grade girls. Boettger-Tong earned her B.S. in biology at St. Louis University in 1986. She then went on to the University of Alabama at Birmingham to complete her M.S. and Ph.D. in biology in 1988 and 1992, respectively. Her personal research interests include in vitro and in vivo model systems to analyze the molecular mechanisms which control female reproductive tract cellular proliferation and the role of the retinoic acid signaling pathway as it influences early vertebrate embryo development.



Komen Memorial Bench Installed on Wesleyan Campus

A memorial bench commissioned by the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation was installed on the Wesleyan campus and dedicated on Monday July 30, 2007. Honoring both survivors and those who have lost battles with cancer, the bench will serve as a permanent reminder of the fight to eradicate breast cancer. The memorial bench was designed and created by Bobby Wallace and features a beautiful inlaid tile design created by Kathy Murphy.

Wesleyan is proud to house the bench and has been the location of the Komen Race for the Cure since 1999, when the Central Georgia Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation started. Since that time, some of the most motivated and determined survivors and advocates in the world have banded together here in Central Georgia to raise over one million dollars to provide community grants for breast health education, diagnosis, and treatment programs, and to aid in finding a cure through research.

More than 2,000 visitors met on the Wesleyan campus to celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month at the Susan G. Komen Foundation's Race for the Cure in 2006. This year's race will be held Saturday, October 20, 2007. For information on pre-event registration, call (478) 757-5272.



Pictured above:
 Betty Mackay Asbury
 Jerrye Griffeth Short
 Margaret Duckworth Sewell
 Beverly Banks Boland
 Wayne Aiken Burdell
 Roslyn Atkinson Harden
 Beverly Folsom Dyer
 Julia Weathers Wynne



Meet the Lunch Bunch

They call themselves the Lunch Bunch, although one member admitted "it's a bit more than just lunch."

Currently the Lunch Bunch includes nine Atlanta-area Wesleyan alumnae from the Class of 1949 who meet monthly for lunch. They reminisce, they share, they prayerfully give thanks, they laugh, and they complete each other's sentences. They have been meeting regularly for the past fifty-eight years.

At the very least, the Lunch Bunch may be the longest running group of regular monthly-meeting

lunch buddies on record. Those involved in the group recognize the connections as pure and simple Wesleyan sisterhood.

Beverly Banks Boland, Beverly Folsom Dyer, Betty Mackay Asbury, Marion Allison Webb, Roslyn Atkinson Harden, Julia Weathers Wynne, Jerrye Griffeth Short, Wayne Aiken Burdell, and Margaret Duckworth Sewell are wives, mothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers, retired professionals, and community leaders. Three are past Wesleyan Alumnae Award recipients and one is a recent Ms. Senior Georgia. Individually, they lead full active

lives and serve in many demanding roles, but once a month they are simply the Lunch Bunch – sisters strengthening one another through a tight knit circle of friendship.

"The group has changed through the years as people have come and gone," according to Margaret Duckworth Sewell, who's been a member since 1982. "I am the newest member, not counting Wayne who moved away to South Carolina and recently moved back to Atlanta. Although of our current nine, several were original members who started the group in 1949."



Thankfully, only a few have come and gone. Last Christmas, the group mourned the loss of one original member, Louise Fowler Gartrell. That month, they met at Louise's funeral. The Lunch Bunch sat on the reserved front pew and wept as the eulogy opened with a warm recognition of Louise's love of Wesleyan and her life-long friendships. It is a bit more than lunch, indeed.

The Lunch Bunch started as a bridge club with membership restricted to two tables, or eight ladies. "Just starting out in the world with our tiny homes, not one of us could accommodate a larger group," said Wayne. "Although, the group soon expanded to include husbands and bridge was complemented by penny-ante poker." About twenty years ago, the group retired to monthly

lunches. On the first Thursday of the month, hostesses rotate and offer a light menu of soup, sandwiches, and salads. "Sometimes we meet out at a restaurant. Nothing extravagant, in fact we've been to the Varsity a couple of times," smiled one member.

Beverly Boland had to wait almost a year to join. "When Lunch Bunch was a bridge group, I had to wait until a spot opened up. I served as a bridge substitute for a regular member one month, and then I had to wait, and wait, and wait. I was so excited when I finally got the call – Betty Faye Holt Lawton had moved away."

Not included in the six decades of lunching are countless wedding showers (actually, these were counted — one

given for each of their collective twenty-eight children), weddings, birthday celebrations, summer vacations, and regrettably funerals. For decades, the group also met religiously for New Year's Eve.

"Even when it was difficult to meet, we met," said original member Betty Mackay Asbury. "During those busy phases of life, Jerrye was the one who always insisted that we meet. When we stopped celebrating New Year's Eve together, Jerrye had a difficult time with the decision. She resisted any attempt not to meet. Now, of course, I'm thankful."

Unanimously the group agreed, Jerrye was the glue that held the Lunch Bunch together. "If we stopped meeting," said Jerrye, "I just knew we'd never start up again. And I wasn't willing to give this up."





Alumnae Weekend 2007

A Message from the Alumnae Association President

It was magical to be back on campus for Alumnae Weekend — to behold the beauty of the campus, to visit with old friends, and to remember fondly my time as a student. For those Wesleyannes who were able to return, Flo Williams Douglas '67, our alumnae weekend chair, planned a reunion that showcased sisterhood at its best.

On this visit my perspective was impacted by the presence of my 15-year-old daughter. Her observations were revealing and renewed my pride in my alma mater. She commented, more than once, on the obvious strength and intelligence of the women who surrounded her during the weekend. The common bond we share and the fun that results from that bond were not lost on her either.

In recent years sisterhood has been celebrated in books and movies, but I would suggest that we, the women of Wesleyan, have understood that for decades. What we have is special.

I encourage you to make the trip back to our campus, if you have not done so recently, and introduce a young woman you know to this wonderful place. Let's work together to continue the tradition of recruiting strong, intelligent women who one day will call themselves Wesleyan alumnae.

Jody Bethea Riggs '88
President, Wesleyan College Alumnae Association

Alumnae

Connections

Spring and summer alumnae events included a President's Tour to Florida. The tour focused on updating alumnae on news from the College with an emphasis on alumnae participation in student recruitment. President Ruth Knox encouraged alumnae to become more involved in recruiting young women who would benefit from the Wesleyan College experience. Raising awareness of the College within local communities – in area high schools and in churches – provides opportunities for young women to become more familiar with Wesleyan. As alumnae it is our responsibility to identify and recruit the Wesleyan women of tomorrow. To refer a student to the College visit the alumnae section at wesleyancollege.edu or contact the Alumnae Admission Program Director **Tracy Ward Tilley '89** at 1-800-447-6610 ext. 5157 or ttiley@wesleyancollege.edu for more information on recruiting in your area.

Florida

Gainesville

The Gainesville Country Club was the venue for a dinner with **President Ruth A. Knox** in March. Alumnae and friends gathered for a lively “meet and greet” before talk turned to all things Wesleyan. Recruitment and the new science building were hot topics of conversation as the president shared news from the college with guests. **Arline Atkins Finch '56** coordinated plans for the Wesleyan evening of sisterhood and fellowship. **Robyn Harmon '77**, **Libby Truitt Furlow '55**, and **Kris Kuchinski Broome '87** also served as alumnae hostesses. Other Wesleyan guests included Alumnae Director **Cathy Coxey Snow '71** and Major Gifts Officer **Beth Kargel '91**.

Jacksonville

In March, Jacksonville area alumnae and guests were invited to *An Evening with the President* hosted by Tom and **Sam Metts Harkleroad '71** at their home in Sawgrass Players Club. Ruth Knox greeted alumnae and guests, and provided an update on the college. Cathy Snow and Beth Kargel also shared news from the college with alumnae. Our thanks to **Kathy Amidon MacGregor '73**, **Mimi Cordes Kelley '39**, **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn '49**, and **Medra Lott Keyser '58**, who served as alumnae hostesses and area contacts.

Lakeland

Nancy Edenfield Sawyer '57 and **Phyllis Clough Davis '55** coordinated plans for a special evening of Wesleyan sisterhood at the Lakeland Yacht and Country Club in March, where alumnae enjoyed dinner and a Wesleyan update from Ruth Knox. Hostesses **Pauline Mann Brennan '55**, **Carol Anne Golden '67**, **Annie Laurie Brennan Wynn '80**, and **Beth Koon '83** were on hand to welcome guests, as were Wesleyan staff members Cathy Snow and Beth Kargel.

Tampa

Tampa area alumnae took time out for *Tea with the President* at The Royal Tea Room in March. Amidst tea sandwiches and scones, alumnae were

treated to the latest college news from Wesleyan guests Ruth Knox, Cathy Snow, and Beth Kargel. After the tea, **Anne McKay Garis '51** gifted the college with her late mother's (**Frances Peabody McKay '25**) prized Wesleyan student scrapbook and *Veterropt*. Many thanks to alumnae hostesses **Anne Arthur '87**, who planned for the event, and to **Sharon Smith Pizzo '65**, and **Sarah Marshall Nester '99**, who also served as hostesses.

Winter Park/Orlando

Winter Park/Orlando area alumnae enjoyed a *Luncheon with the President* at The Winter Park Racquet Club. **Charlotte Battle Everbach '52** organized plans for the spring luncheon; other alumnae hostesses included **Shirley Wise Richardson '63**, **Bee Seckinger Epley '58**, **Ana Fernandez '88**, **Catherine Hinman Malles '75**, and **Lindy Anderson '71**. The group also recognized **Martha Groover Staples '49** as an “honorary” hostess. Martha has planned numerous alumnae events in the Orlando area throughout the years, including many in her home, along with her husband and Wesleyan Trustee Jim Staples.

Georgia

Atlanta

The Atlanta Club's *Spring Luncheon* featured author **Louise Futrelle Dodd '49**, who discussed her book, *Eating from the White House to the Jailhouse*. The club also installed new officers for 2007-10. Congratulations to new President **Lisa Bridges Hines '98** and her board: **Natalie Puckett Evans '02**, vice president; **Leesa D. Akins '87**, secretary; **Ruth White Fruit '54**, treasurer; **Lauren Haney '03**, young alumnae activities chair; **Angela Fulton Kirby '69**, community outreach chair. Many thanks to outgoing club officers for their hard work in keeping Atlanta area alumnae connected for the past three years: **Missy Ryan '98**, immediate past president, **Anne Scarborough Hughes '78**, **Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71**, **Christine Saunders '05**, **Ruth Fruit**, **Beth Hitt Rogers '97**, **Lisa Hines**, and **Natalie Evans**. In August the club hosted a party for Atlanta area new students and their parents at the home of **Pam Davis Corvelli '98**.

Griffin

Local alumnae gathered for *A Wesleyan Afternoon in Griffin* at the home of Sue and Edward Howell Reynolds to enjoy a Wesleyan history lesson and to take part in the presentation of historical Wesleyan related documents, letters, and memorabilia donated to the college by Ed Reynolds in memory of his mother, **Allie Stephens Reynolds '29**, and his great grandfather, Dr. Edward Howell Myers, president of Wesleyan College (1851-1854) and (1871-1874). College Archivist Sybil McNeil and Alumnae Director Cathy Snow accepted the gifts on behalf of the college. Host Ed Reynolds spoke to alumnae about the life and times of his mother and great grandfather. Afterwards, alumnae enjoyed desserts made from his mother's original recipes. **Anne Hilger Manley '67** served as the Griffin alumnae contact. (Read more about the Myers letters and the Reynolds Collection in the spring issue of the Wesleyan Magazine.)

Macon

Macon Club Young Alumnae co-leaders **Heather Poindexter '95** and **Lindsay Abernethy '00** continue to spearhead monthly group dinners and socials that include time for planning upcoming alumnae/student activities. In April, the group met on campus to make decorations for Alumnae Weekend. To become a part of the Macon Young Alumnae E-group, contact Heather at heather.poindexter@cox.net.

Oregon

Portland

Oregon and Washington state area alumnae traveled to the Oregon Historical Society in Portland to attend an evening reception in the Society's Madison Room honoring participants of the 2007 Wesleyan Leadership Institute. Many thanks to hostess **Peggy Likes Miller '64**, who planned for a great evening of sisterhood across the miles, **Virginia Bowman Wilcox '90** and **Sarah Shelley '75**, who also served as hostesses, and to Wesleyan Trustees **Alexis X. Bighley '67**, **Judy Woodward Gregory '63**, **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63**, and **Diane A. Lumpkin '63**, who sponsor the annual Institute. (Read more about the Leadership Institute on page 22.)



Club Facebook

1. Gainesville Girls: Alumnae enjoy dinner at the Gainesville Country Club in Florida.
2. Alumnae hostesses (from left) Libby Truitt Furlow '55, Robyn Harmon '77 and Arline Atkins Finch '56 with Ruth Knox in Gainesville.
3. Wesleyan on the Menu: Jacksonville alumnae hostesses served up an informative *Evening with the President* in March.
4. New Friends: Keyara Thomas '01 and Elizabeth Leaman Hague '96 meet at the Jacksonville reception.
5. Lakeland Ladies: Alumnae hostesses pose with the president at the Lakeland Yacht and Country Club.
6. Winter Park Wesleyannes: Alumnae hostesses luncheon with the president at The Winter Park Racquet Club.
7. New "old" friends: (From left) Trustee Judy Woodward Gregory '63 and Peggy Likes Miller '64 reunite in Oregon.
8. Tea Time in Tampa: Alumnae meet with Ruth Knox at The Royal Tea Room.
9. Sisterhood Across the Miles: 2007 Leadership Institute students and alumnae meet at the Oregon Historical Society.
10. Making History: Alumnae in Griffin, Georgia, enjoy a history lesson from Ed Reynolds, great-grandson of Wesleyan College President, Dr. Edward Howell Myers.



2007 ALUMNAE AWARD RECIPIENTS

JEAN JOHNSON GIVENS DORIS MANNING GLORIA BOYETTE LAVANDA BROWN

DORIS MANNING

Distinguished Service to the Church

Upon graduation in 1960, Doris Virginia Manning was just in her early twenties yet in her senior yearbook classmates recognized her character, loyalty and beliefs. This steadfastness of character is an example of how her alma mater shaped the person she would become, for it is these same attributes that have continually guided Doris' life and service to God.

After college, she settled in the Bradenton and Jacksonville, Florida, areas and found her high-energy personality was a wonderful fit for working with church youth and young adults. She even steered some of those young women in her youth groups to Wesleyan with the oft-repeated reassurance "I know you will want to do this."

After receiving her master's degree from Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Doris served in churches in Texas as a certified Director of Christian Education and Diaconal Minister of Education. At Lovers Lane Church

in Dallas, one of the nation's largest Methodist churches, she found a love of ministering to senior adults and served not only in the church, but also in nursing homes, retirement communities and hospitals.

In 2004, Doris found a life of retirement in beautiful Asheville, North Carolina. But, retirement for Doris just meant that she would take her passion for ministering to seniors to a new community. She actively leads prayer and ministry groups at several of Asheville's geriatric housing facilities and for local United Methodist Women organizations.

Wesleyan is not the first to recognize Doris for her commitment and service to the church and God. In Jacksonville, Fort Worth, Dallas and Asheville, she has received honors from churches, retirement centers, and the Methodist Conference. The United Methodist Women have honored her with the UMW Missions Pin in four communities and the North Texas Annual Conference presented her with the Herman-Cook Award for contributions to Older Adult Ministries.

Pictured above (left to right) are Jean Givens, Doris Manning, President Ruth Knox, and Gloria Boyette. Not pictured is award recipient Lavanda Brown.

GLORIA BOYETTE

Distinguished Service to Wesleyan

As a 1960 graduate of Wesleyan College, Gloria Boyette began serving her alma mater almost immediately after graduation by organizing a 1960's Alumnae Club in Atlanta. For ten years, she and the college's youngest alumnae met monthly.

When she and her family moved to Valdosta, Georgia, and restored a Victorian era mansion, she served the college for the next 20 years hosting Wesleyan events in her home. Alumnae, prospective and current students, faculty and staff, and college presidents were recipients of her hospitality. As one of her classmates stated, "Wherever Gloria is, Wesleyan folk are welcomed!"

During the late 1980's, Gloria served as co-chair and chair of the Loyalty Fund and traveled the east coast, inspiring alumnae to support the college's fundraising efforts. She called these years her "loyalty fun" years, when she and other Wesleyan colleagues made their way through Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, Virginia, Washington D.C., and even to New York City, on behalf of the college.

In 1991, Gloria was elected to the Alumnae Association's board of managers. She became president of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association in 1994. During her tenure she initiated and hosted annual board retreats in Highlands, North Carolina, revived alumnae tours, focused on student recruitment, and spearheaded efforts to have Wesleyan named to the National Register of Historic Places. Ten years later, during the inauguration of President Ruth Knox, Gloria's diligence was showcased when the National Register plaque was unveiled.

From 2000 to 2006, Gloria served as an alumna trustee on the College's board of trustees, where she served on the advancement, student affairs, buildings and grounds, and academic affairs committees. A charter member of the Society for the 21st Century, Gloria also was a member of the steering committee for the *Tradition and Vision* campaign that raised \$6 million dollars to endow faculty teaching chairs. An enthusiastic ambassador for Wesleyan College, Gloria Boyette continues to instill a sense of pride and loyalty among the college's alumnae by her example of leadership and service.

JEAN JOHNSON GIVENS

Distinguished Service to Community

In 1931, Jean Johnson began her student days at Wesleyan College where her favorite course was biology. She later earned two masters' degrees in biology and nursing from Emory University, and taught anatomy, physiology, and microbiology at Georgia State University. She also held the position of Coordinator for Medical and Surgical Nursing Services at Piedmont Hospital.

Jean has excelled as a horticulturist, writer, and artist. As a horticulturist, she has presented innumerable lectures and programs on a multitude of topics. She has been instrumental in the production of gardening slide shows and videos. Jean is a Master Flower Show Judge and has distinguished herself as chairman of the horticultural classification for many organizations.

As a writer, she has authored many books and contributed hundreds of articles to magazines, cookbooks, journals, newsletters, and garden club publications. She even earned film credits when she played the role of Grandmother in the instructional video, *Grandmother's Garden*, produced by the National Council of Garden Clubs. As an artist, Jean's original artwork has graced the covers and pages of books, magazines, flower show programs, and journals.

Jean has served as president, board member, and trustee for numerous garden clubs and associations on the national, state, and local levels. Organizations like the National Council of State Garden Clubs, Garden Club of Georgia, Georgia Federation of Garden Clubs for DeKalb and Redbud District, Callenwolde Fine Arts Center, UGA Georgia Master Gardner Program, and Atlanta Botanical Garden (where she is a founder and charter member) have been touched by her green thumb, as well. A recipient of many awards, she has been recognized by the National Council of State Garden Clubs and Deep South Division, Garden Club of Georgia, Georgia Perennial Plant Association, Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, and Chattahoochee Unit of the Herb Society of America. She also holds the prestigious title of "Family Matriarch" and is the keeper of generations of oral traditions and stories for the Johnson-Chandler-Medlock family.

LAVANDA BROWN

Young Alumna Award

After graduating in 1991 from Wesleyan with a B.S. in psychology and sociology, LaVanda Brown returned to her hometown of Savannah. By 1999, she had her master's in education and counselor education and had become certified in Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy.

In 1995, LaVanda became employed by Union Mission, Inc., a nationally recognized social services agency in the Savannah-Chatham County area that exists to end and prevent homelessness. Today, she serves as the organization's chief operating officer and manages almost 200 employees, an \$8 million budget, and services ranging from healthcare to behavioral health to employment to housing.

Over the last 12 years, she has written and received grants for more than \$2 million to fund programs and developed and implemented life skills curriculum for clients, case management systems, and housing support teams. Her involvement in the implementation of the Next Step Program statewide provided 75 permanent housing units for homeless adults and families in Liberty County.

LaVanda serves on the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless Board of Directors, City of Savannah Housing and Community Development Advisory Committee and Housing Sub-committee, Parent University, and the Anti-Poverty Task Force. She is a graduate of Leadership Savannah. She also participates in Savannah State University's Mentor Program, Armstrong Atlantic State University's Executive Mock Interview Program, and Lutheran Ministries' A+ Parenting Facilitator Program.

She has received the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Best Practices Award for Transitional Housing and Case Management and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Magnolia Award for Special Achievement in Affordable Housing. Recently, she was named by the *Savannah Business Journal* as one of the "Forty Under Forty Top Young Business Achievers."

Does LaVanda have a life outside of fighting homelessness? Absolutely. She is the mother of two sons, is active in the Savannah Club, and has returned to Wesleyan as a convocation speaker.

Now is the time to Nominate for 2008 Alumnae Awards:

Distinguished Achievement in a Profession • Distinguished Service to Community, Church or Wesleyan • Young Alumna Award
For nomination forms contact the alumnae office (478) 757-5172 or download forms from our website. Deadline January 11, 2008.

In Memoriam

- 1919** Rosaline Jenkins Gilmore
- 1927** Mary Weaver Arnold
- 1929** Virginia Bull Dillon
- 1930** Ivelyn Lanier Gregory
Jeanette Maxwell Vallotton
- 1932** Helen Reynolds Hodgson
Dorothy Simmons Odell
- 1933** Carolyn Bacon Beard
- 1934** Emily Dyal Smith
- 1938** Alberta Trulock Brewer
Ruth Menges Struble
- 1939** Jacqueline Chambers
Stephenson
Clara Puckett Winston
- 1940** Ruth Hall Knox
- 1944** Elizabeth Balfour Blomstrann
- 1946** Virginia Larsen Joslin
Naomi Duncan Williamson
- 1947** Rose Hutchins Burns
Marguerite Gibbs Manship
- 1948** Mary Pate Hatfield
- 1949** Billie Ward Gaines
Jean Moore McKay
Henry Franklin Tate
- 1950** Margaret Manson Buckel
- 1953** Jacqueline Martin
- 1955** Patricia Cain Barnes
Louise Cawley Chandler
- 1956** Claire Dorsett Dunn
Peggy Ann Fernald Gardner
- 1957** Elizabeth Wallace Jones
Emily Ray Thomas
- 1961** Linda Hewitt McPhail
- 1962** Nancy Chapman Burcher
Olivia Anne Jones O'Donoghue
- 1966** Marilyn Lewis Taylor
- 2000** Tia Marie Gray Simmons

Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

- Mary Smith Starr '44** of Albany, Ga., on the death of her husband, John W. Starr, in January 2007.
- Maude Williamson Garner '45** of Birmingham, Ala., on the death of her sister-in-law, **Naomi Duncan Williamson '46** of Jesup, Ga., on April 30, 2007.
- Mary Frances Webb Nall '45** of Thomaston, Ga., on the death of her husband, William Edward Nall Sr., on May 23, 2007.
- Kathy Gibbs Steinbruegge '45** of St. Simons Island, Ga., on the death of her sister, **Marguerite Gibbs Manship '47** of Pensacola, Fla., on July 8, 2007.
- Marybelle Morris Dent '46** of Fountain Valley, Calif., on the death of her cousin, **Claire Dorsett Dunn '56** of The Colony, Texas, on May 11, 2007.
- Joy Trulock '46** of Valdosta, Ga., on the death of her sister, **Alberta Trulock Brewer '38** of Knoxville, Tenn., on February 16, 2007.
- Elizabeth Pittman Claiborne '49** of Brownsville, Tenn., on the death of her husband, H. Alex Claiborne, on June 14, 2007.
- Julia Weathers Wynne '49** of Atlanta, on the death of her son, Brian Weathers Wynne of Stone Mountain, Ga., on May 25, 2007.
- Helen Longino Dunwody '51** of Macon on the death of her husband, Daniel "Dan" Delzell Dunwody Jr., on April 18, 2007.
- Marian Morris Rogers '51** of Cartersville, Ga., on the death of her cousin, **Claire Dorsett Dunn '56** of The Colony, Texas, on May 11, 2007.
- Edwina Hall Beall '53** of Macon, on the death of her husband, Dennis John Flanagan Beall, on April 28, 2007.
- Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53** of Macon, on the death of her mother, Janie Colson Thigpen of Hertford, N.C., on February 23, 2007.
- Mary Joe Cawley McGee '53** of Albany, Ga., on the death of her sister, **Louise Cawley Chandler '55** of Evergreen, Colo., on June 29, 2007.
- Jacqueline Ward Schontzler '53** of Lilburn, Ga., on the death of her husband, Charles Bruce Schontzler, on February 16, 2007, and her sister, **Billie Ward Gaines '49**, also of Lilburn, on June 27, 2007.
- Carolyn Sims Brooks '56** of Atlanta, on the death of her sister, **Claire Sims Petersen**, in July 2007.
- Mary English Martin '57** of Macon, on the death of her husband, Charles William Martin, on April 30, 2007.
- Sylvia Hartman Smith '57** of McRae, Ga., on the death of her husband, Alexander "Alex" Peterson Smith, on March 30, 2007.
- Joyce Bell Wade-Dauler '57** of Fort Washakie, Wyoming, on the death of her husband, Richard Dauler, on April 25, 2007.
- Katie Lee Cawley Ashmore '58** of Greenville, S.C., on the death of her sister, **Louise Cawley Chandler '55** of Evergreen, Colo., on June 29, 2007.
- Lola Harris Ellis '58** of Cochran, Ga., on the death of her husband, Early Andrew Ellis Jr., on July 8, 2007.
- Nancy Cook Hollingsworth '58** of Round Rock, Texas, on the death of her husband, Charlie J. Hollingsworth, on July 15, 2007.
- Beverly Anne Conner Cole '59** of Dalton, Ga., on the death of her husband, Don Cole Sr., on November 21, 2006.
- Flo Bloodworth Mellard-Greenway '61** of Macon, on the death of her husband, E.L. Greenway, on March 15, 2007.
- Ellen Weldon Dukes '62** of Austell, Ga., on the death of her husband, Harry L. Dukes, on March 19, 2007.

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

- Laura Reynolds '85** of Elko, Ga., who married Charles Breazeale in February 2007.
- Katherine Hope Hahn '91** of Macon, who married Ken Shields on July 14, 2007.
- Amanda Marine '99** of Suwanee, Ga., who married Michael H. Evans on December 2, 2006.
- Lynne Davis '05** of Shadow Hills, Calif., who married Shen Liska at Fess Parker Vineyard in Los Olivos, Calif., on August 26, 2006.
- Miranda DeFore '05** of Eight Mile, Ala., who married Ryan Nolen on December 16, 2006.
- Monycia Everett '05** of Hinesville, Ga., who married Leonard Noblin on January 12, 2007.
- Erin Michelle Rooney '05** of Pine Lake, Ga., who married Christopher Michael "Chris" Riggs on May 19, 2007, at the Loews New Orleans Hotel.
- Rachel Elaine Brown '06** of Lizella, Ga., who married Mathew Lee Mosely on May 19, 2007.
- Brittany Renée Joiner '06** of Cochran, Ga., who married Preston Lucas on June 16, 2007.
- Julia Otwell '06** of Fayetteville, Ga., who married Gregory Smith in December 2006.
- Bonnie Stancel '06** of Dacula, Ga., who married Travis Duncan on June 16, 2007, at the Citadel.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Cecilia Underwood Kovacs '88 and Stephen of Snellville, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Caitlin, on March 7, 2007. Caitlin joins big sister, Corinne, who is ten years-old.

Tracy Ward Tilley '89 and Wright of Macon on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Marie Tilley, on December 7, 2006.

Ashley Garrett '90 and Gennaro of Athens, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Viviana Beatriz "Vivi" Garrett Gama, on June 7, 2007.

Juli Root Acree '92 and Richard of Acworth, Ga., on the birth of a son, Jonathan Elijah "Eli" Acree in March 2006.

MaryStewart Glendenning Lewis '92 and Richard of Signal Mountain, Tenn., on the birth of a son, Benjamin Cooper Lewis, on April 18, 2007. Benjamin joins older brother Beck.

Mary Marcia McMahan Winfrey '92 and David of Louisville, Kentucky, on the birth of a son, James David "Jake" Winfrey, on June 22, 2006.

Ruth Powell Storts '93 and Brian of Columbus, Ga., on the birth of a son, Owen Powell Storts, on July 18, 2007.

Shannon McCourt Carton '94 and Kevin of Brielle, N.J., on the birth of twin daughters, Elizabeth and Kaitlyn in June 2007.

Kathrine Bailey '97 of Clarksville, Tenn., on the birth of a son, Tobias Alexandar Bailey-Robinson, on January 1, 2006.

Rachel Viets Fortuna '97 of Macon on the birth of a daughter, Bethany, in August 2006.

Stephanie Pate Lewis '97 and Jason of Rome, Ga., on the birth of a son, Aaron Emerson Lewis, on April 24, 2007. He is welcomed by his 3 year-old brother, Carter.

Keely Whittington Reyes '97 and Richard of Albuquerque, N.M., on the addition of son Jay to their family in 2007.

Erin Frew Chase '98 and Anthony of Savannah, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Michaela Corinne Chase, on July 19, 2006.

Bianca Venuto Towler '98 and Jason of Marietta, Ga., on the birth of a son, Elden Lee Towler, on January 4, 2007.

Julie Houston Trieste '98 and Aaron of Wellington, Fla., on the birth of a daughter, Avery Megan Trieste, on July 10, 2007.

Elizabeth Eichelberger Adler '05 and David of Dudley, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Riley Kathleen Adler, in September 2007.

Jennifer Lindsey Bryant '05 and David of Dexter, Ga., on the birth of a son, Parker David Bryant, on March 22, 2007.

Jenna Miller Jones '06 and Jason of Cairo, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Wimberly Kathryn Jones, on July 7, 2007.

Amy Moore Martin '06 and Andy of Macon, on the birth of a son, Connor Andrew Martin, on April 12, 2007. Mother, father and baby are all doing well!

Harriett Hentz Hoerrner '62 of Panama City, Fla., on the death of her husband, Kenneth J. Hoerrner, on February 10, 2006.

Eva Turpin Persons '63 of Forsyth, Ga., on the death of her husband, Robert Ogden Persons, Jr., on February 26, 2007.

Elizabeth "Bootsie" Hartley Filliat '64 of Alpharetta, Ga., on the death of her husband, Roland "Ron" Filliat, on April 12, 2007, and her mother, Mary Hartley, on June 26, 2007.

Virginia Mitchell Hutcheson '64 of Griffin, Ga., on the death of her mother, Helen Mitchell, in March, 2007.

Lea Mann Sealy '65 of Raleigh, N.C., on the death of her mother, Sara Jane Baker Mann, on August 15, 2007.

Jeanie Gibbs Tyre '67 of Jesup, Ga., on the death of her husband, Ronald Tyre, in April 2006.

Jane Price Claxton '68 of Macon, on the death of her mother, Eugenia "Jean" Turner Price, on June 24, 2007.

Lynda Ogburn Hathorn '68 of St. Augustine, Fla., on the death of her mother, Geraldine Dennard Ogburn of Macon, on March 31, 2007.

Marsha Fernald Sichveland '68 of Eatonton, Ga., on the death of her sister, Peggy Ann Fernald Gardner '56 of Montgomery, Ala., in January 2007.

Emmaline Haddle Pursley '69 of Douglasville, Ga., on the death of her husband, Rock Pursley, on April 10, 2007.

Helen Cappleman '70 of Charlotte, N.C., on the death of her mother, Virginia B. Cappleman of Winter Garden, Fla., on April 16, 2007.

Kathy Arnold Hale '70 of Macon, on the death of her aunt, Ruth Hall Knox '40 of Thomson, Ga., on May 1, 2007.

Janis E. Price '74 of McDonough, Ga., on the death her mother, Eugenia "Jean" Turner Price, on June 24, 2007.

Ruth Austin Knox '75 of Macon, on the death of her mother, Ruth Hall Knox '40 of Thomson, Ga., on May 1, 2007.

Janet Jones Rice '90 of Delray Beach, Fla., on the death of her mother, Elizabeth "Toni" Wallace Jones '57 of Macon, on May 18, 2007.

Hope Hahn Shields '91 of Macon, on the death of her father, Robert Grady "Bob" Hahn, on August 10, 2007.

Erinne Guice Hatchett '95 of Bremen, Ga., on the death of her mother, Kay Guice, also of Bremen, on May 18, 2007.

Bianca Venuto Towler '98 of Marietta, Ga., on the death of her mother, Linda Lee Venuto, on October 3, 2006.

Sarah Kathryn Bragg '07 of Atlanta, on the death of her great aunt, Marguerite Gibbs Manship '47 of Pensacola, Fla., on July 8, 2007.

IN MEMORIAM Reverend Allen Sanders



The Reverend William Allen Sanders, former director of admissions at Wesleyan, died on December 22, 2006, at his residence in Macon. A memorial

service was held at Vineville United Methodist Church, which has a Sunday School Class named in his honor, the Allen Sanders Fellowship Class.

Reverend Sanders came to Wesleyan in 1961 and served as part-time instructor of religion. He served as director of admissions from 1962-1971. He and his wife, the late Billie Denson Sanders, were married for 63 years.

Members of the Class of 1968 will remember Rev. Sanders as their class sponsor. In 1968 they dedicated the *Veterropt* to him with these words:

*To one who loves Wesleyan
and inspired us to seek a place here;
Who firmly believes in the Wesleyan student
and her ability to achieve the best for herself
and the college as a whole;
Who has stood by us in the arena as well as
on the sidelines with advice,
encouragement, and devotion;
We extend to you our love and appreciation.*

Senior Class 1968



Class of 1942 65th reunion

Spirit of Sisterhood. College and Conservatory members of the Class of 1942 were represented well by **Bettye Withers Barnes** and **Mildred Fincher Efland** during Alumnae Weekend. After 65 years of celebrating the color purple, Bettye and Mildred proudly held the class banner high at the annual meeting when they were recognized as members of the most senior of reunion classes in attendance. With both of their spouses there to lend support, and many other classmates sending love and best wishes, the two friends proved bonds of sisterhood truly stand the test of time. Wesleyan friends that are the oldest do remain the best!

(L to R) Mildred Fincher Efland, Bettye Withers Barnes

1920s

Atlanta resident **Annie Mays Larmore '28** celebrated her 100th birthday in February with a luncheon given by her grandchildren, and an Open House hosted by her daughter, Dr. Carroll Dammann. "I received more than one hundred notes from former library kids and former Sunday school children, now grown. It is interesting to learn at 100 years of age what others remember about you!" During Alumnae Weekend, Annie was honored at the Golden Belle Luncheon with a special musical tribute performed by Conservatory classmates **Claire Michaels Murray '52** and **Artemisia "Artie" Dennis Thevaos '52**.

1930s

Julia Munroe Woodward '34 celebrated her 93rd birthday the weekend of July 8th in Quincy, FL, with her immediate family that included her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, numbering about 75 people! The weekend was filled with parties; one of the most special being a luncheon held in the house in which she was born, and which is now the Quincy Garden Center.

1940s

Mary Coolidge Cissna '40 of Pass Christian, MS, is back in her home after Hurricane Katrina did extensive damage. For the past 16 months, she stayed with family in New Orleans, Fort Myers, FL, and Chattanooga, TN. "My town was severely damaged, but people are beginning to return," writes Mary.

Marynell Sampley Waite '40 is enjoying her new home in Decatur, GA, where her children live nearby. She sees **Roslyn Atkinson Harden '49** daily and **Emmie Carlton Johnson '49** visits them both. Marynell's daughter, **Mary Abbott Waite '68**, has introduced her to several other friends.

▲ 1942 (65th Reunion)

In January 2007, **Alice Burrowes Ritter '42** and her husband, Fred, of Rochester, NY, moved into a retirement community. They enjoy their ground floor apartment, especially a patio, where Alice gardens. She was sorry to have missed her 65th reunion. However, last year she and Fred were able to attend his 75th reunion at Cornell, (only a two hour drive from their home). "I think of Wesleyan often, and when the snow recedes in Rochester I have 'Georgia on my mind.'" Alice has fond memories of her big sister at Wesleyan, the late **Ruth Hall Knox '40**. "My love to all of you at Wesleyan."

Ruby Maloy "Doc Maloy" White '42 of McRae, GA, retired after serving 40 years as a trustee on her local library board. Barbara Smith Cook (daughter of **Bobby Ponder Smith '38**) was elected to follow her. Ruby sees **Faye Ponder Parks '40**, **Janie Heath O'Connor '54**, and author **Jane Hawkins Walker '61**, who live nearby.

Clyde and **Jean "Jeana" Overstreet Adams '43** of Elberton, GA, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 7, 2007.

Maude Williamson Garner '45 is planning to move to St. Simons Island, GA, and stays busy keeping up with her children, Jay and Cheryl. Jay lives in Pakistan, where he works for BJ Services, an oil service company, as the manager of Near East Asian continent. This past year he spent Christmas in Thailand with his family. Her daughter, Cheryl, lives in Baton Rouge, LA, and is supervisor of the vault at Capital One Bank. Maude has nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was saddened by the death of her sister-in-law, **Naomi Duncan Williamson '46** of Jesup, GA, in April 2007. Maude introduced Naomi to her brother when she and Naomi were both Wesleyan Conservatory students. Maude also reports that the husband of her niece,

Jeanie Gibbs Tyre '67, of Jesup, died in April 2006. (See *Sympathy*.)

Sara Griffin James '45 of Jesup, GA, is proud of her oldest grandson, Zachary, who graduated from Emory University in May 2007 and worked in the Governor's Office of Budget and Planning. In January 2008, he will be an aid to Representative Mark Watkins and then will attend law school. On a personal note, Sara is back playing golf and bridge after two heart attacks last year.

"My husband and I were married for 58 years before his death in May 2007. We were blessed in every way, especially with wonderful children," writes **Mary Frances Webb Nall '45** of Thomaston, GA. One of my fondest Wesleyan memories is the 1945 reunion in '05. The Washboard Band sang to "Uncle Bill." (**Sharon Webb '76**, niece) Fun! I send my sympathy to Ruth Knox on the death of her lovely and gracious mother." (See *Sympathy*.)

"We celebrated 60 years of marriage this year...what a delightful experience! Four children, six grandchildren – what a houseful!" reports **Winifred "Wini" Bosch Titterton '45** from Aquebogue, NY.

From Peachtree City, GA, **Rebekah "Becky" Yates Anders '46** had a good family vacation in Daytona Beach and spent part of the summer recuperating from a fractured rib.

Thelma "Ted" Dillard Ethridge '46 of Elberton, GA, reports that a highlight of her 2006 Christmas holidays was a surprise call she received from **Mary Euyang Shen '46** of New York City. Subsequently, Mary and Ted have shared pictures and emails as though it was only yesterday when they were roommates at Wesleyan.

Lou Matteson Jones '46 of Rockmart, GA, shares news of her granddaughter, **Dora Ward '94**, who has taken a position to head up the International Program of Care to Eliminate Polio in the World. "Dora is still continuing to pursue her Ph.D. at

Georgia State University. We are very proud of her."

Helen Proctor Watson '46 lives in Statesboro, GA, where she is affectionately known as "GG" (Great Grandmother) to ten great grandchildren. Her tenth, Christian Thomas McMurry, arrived May 23, 2007, and her ninth, John Thomas Mathison, arrived January 23, 2007. "I love each one so much," writes Helen.

Ann Lipscomb Weld-Frisbie '46 of Bartow, FL, is proud to be a "Victory Belle" and the subject of an article in the *East Polk Ledger* last May that focused on the patriotic town of Bartow that supported and embraced young men who were defending freedom during WWII. According to Ann, "there was a dance almost every evening. The upbeat music of the day seemed to keep spirits high."

▲ 1947 (60th Reunion)

Members of the Class of 1947 celebrated 60 years of sisterhood in April thanks to the work of class reunion co-chairs **Jane Anne Mallet Settle** and **Georgann Dessau Blum**. Class party hostess **Fran Callaway McCommon** opened up her lovely home for the Friday night Golden Heart get-together, where more than memories were on the evening's menu. Author **Sara Elizabeth Smith** sent copies of her new book to honor the occasion.

"Since moving to Tallahassee, FL, I have missed visiting Wesleyan! I am enjoying being near my daughter, Allison, and her family. **Julia Munroe Woodward '34** and her daughter, **Judy Woodward Gregory '63** live nearby in Quincy. I hope we all can visit in the future," writes **Rosalind Allison Burns '47**.

Frances Oehmig Collins '47 reports that it was great to see her former classmates at reunion in April. "Just wish more could have been there – it was a fine weekend." Her daughter, **Mary Catherine "M.C." Collins O'Kelley '72**,

Class of 1947 60th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Anne Carlton Blanchard, Geraldine Farrar-Thomas (holding flag), Fran Callaway McCommon, Georgann Dessau Glum, Betsy Chipman Kaplan. **Row 2:** Jane Epps Henry, Frances Oehmig Collins, Jane Anne Mallet Settle, Harriet Loeb Feeney. (not pictured: Willene McGee Castleberry)



and her granddaughter, **Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02**, were also celebrating their own reunions. Frances lives in Signal Mountain, TN, and has a WESLEYAN FIRST – she was the first woman to serve as chair of the administrative board at St. James United Methodist Church.

Harriet "Happy" Loeb Feeney '47 of Ruskin, FL, is proud of her son, Ray, who received the Gordon E. Sawyer Award, an Oscar statuette in February from the Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. The recipient of previous Oscars, Ray has developed groundbreaking technologies that have become industry standard techniques used to create visual effects for motion pictures. The award was part of the 79th Academy Awards broadcast in February 2007.

Carrie Brooks Miller Maertens '47 continues to live in a retirement home in Clemson, SC, where her husband was a professor until his death on November 13, 2006.

Macon residents, Pledger and **Emily Britton Parker '47**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 1, 2007. Emily missed the reunion in April due to a total right hip replacement.

Peggy Ann Pangborn Roos '47 really wanted to get back to Wesleyan from Pungoteague, VA, for her 60th reunion! "I am well, thank goodness, but I had too much to do up here in Virginia. Many thanks to **Georgann Dessau Blum** and **Jane Anne Mallet Settle**, our class co-chairs for reunion 2007!"

Jane Anne Mallet Settle '47 of Jackson, GA, says she loved having the opportunity to attend this 60th year reunion with her "old" college roommate, **Happy Loeb Feeney**, and each of their husbands.

Antoinette "Toni" Smith Suiter '47 writes from Rocky Mount, NC, that her husband, Dr. Thomas B. Suiter Jr., died in January 2001. "In December of that year I brought my aunt to live with me. She will be 100 in October. She's doing

well and takes no medication." Despite having had major surgeries in the last 15 months, including a hip and knee replacement, Toni is back on her feet and proving that "you can't keep a good man down, or gall!"

Maconite **Cordelia "Corky" Dessau Holliday '48** fondly recalls her 1947 travels to Havana, Cuba, with **Sue Marie Thompson Turner '50** from Columbus, GA. Since that time, Corky and Sue Marie have continued their great times together, visiting back and forth throughout the years.

Maconite **Betty Atwater '49** celebrated her 80th birthday in June. Family and friends gathered in Burden Parlor at Wesleyan for an afternoon tea and festivities. Also, the Pilot Club of Macon honored Betty as the club's 2006-2007 Pilot International Foundation Sweetheart. Betty has presented many BrainMinders programs, the Pilot International project focusing on brain injury prevention education through puppet demonstrations to Bibb County kindergartners.

Members of the Class of 1949 had a "mini-reunion" during Alumnae Weekend 2007. Class President **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn** of St. Augustine, FL, said her classmates enjoyed being back on campus with their big sister Class of 1947.

"Our mini-reunion in April affirmed the close bond that exists among our members," says **Emmie Carlton Johnson '49** of Oxford, GA.

1950s

"Mel and I think we are the oldest 'new' grandparents in Tennessee," reports **Louise Cochran Mayfield '50** from Clarksville. Her son Nash, and his wife, Jenny, presented us with baby Hannah Spencer Mayfield on January 16, 2007. Nash is chairman of the department of English at Mount DeSales Academy in Macon.

The college archives received a wonderful new gift, thanks to the generosity of **Anne McKay Garriss '51** of Clearwater, FL, who gave her late mother's Wesleyan scrapbook and *Veterropt* to the college. The book is a treasure trove of information, both institutional and personal, that gives a revealing look into the student days of **Frances Peabody McKay '25**. Through the book students and alumnae can take a "step back in time" to the Wesleyan of yesterday and yet be amazed by the continuity of Wesleyan traditions.

Henry and **Mary Bird Horner Harvey '51** of State College, PA, are proud parents of three children, grandparents of eight, and great-grandparents of three.

▲ 1952 (55th Reunion)

Reunion chair **Mary Eva Bryan DuBose** and co-chair **Jean Armstrong Smith** held a *Green Knight Gathering* in the Hurdle Café on Friday night that included the GK Class of 2008. Celebrating sisterhood across the years, Wesleyan juniors shared stories of GK traditions as they mixed and mingled memories with members of the Class of 1952. On Saturday, Conservatory classmates **Artemisia "Artie" Dennis Thevaos** and **Claire Michaels Murray** captivated the audience at the Strawberry Breakfast with a piano and violin performance in Oval Hall.

Marella Mitchell Cassels '52 is still enjoying retirement. The former kindergarten teacher says, "My time in Clearwater, FL, is spent in church work, community volunteering, playing bridge, and keeping up with my four children and nine grandchildren (five of whom are in college – one granddaughter is at the Naval Academy in Annapolis)."

"Reunion was great! So happy to see the upbeat mood on campus. All the new buildings are perfectly designed to complement the old – clearly good planning by the administration. It was

very special to visit with classmates," writes **Charlotte Battle Everbach '52** from her home in Winter Park, FL. Charlotte has been an interior designer for 39 years. In March, Charlotte planned a luncheon for area alumnae to meet with President Ruth Knox.

Elizabeth Percy Hill '52 writes from Naples, FL, with news of her oldest granddaughter, Marissa Hill, who spent part of her sophomore college year in London at Oxford. "We are very proud of her! She and her family lived in Yorkshire from 1991 to 1996 and we visited them three times and loved it!"

Peggy Willis Lewis '52 says "Hi to everyone!" from Huntington, WV. "I had hoped to come to Alumnae Weekend, but a conference came up that I had to attend. Being retired did not free up much time."

St. Simons Island, GA, residents **DeRon "Mac" McCurdy Senna '52** and husband Joe are taking life easier now that they have "downsized" and live in a condo. They still spend summer months in the mountains and cruise a few times a year. "Cruised up the Amazon in January – that was really interesting," says Mac.

Jean Armstrong Smith '52 of Atlanta enjoyed reunion and seeing her classmates again!

Delma Findlay Watson '52 of Macon and **Peggy Woodall Ford '52** of Norcross, GA, took a cruise in 2006 to the Mediterranean. They rather liked being pampered – enough to travel again this past spring. In May they took a "Rivers of Western Europe" cruise. "Who knows – we may spend the rest of our lives traveling and enjoying the world!" declares Delma.

"Jess and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary at our church on June 24, 2007. We were married at Bethany UMC in Summerville, SC, on June 23, 1957, and have mostly lived in Arlington, VA," writes **Caroline "Caro" Eagerton Upperco '53**. She and Jess have one son, one daughter, and five



Class of 1952 55th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Jane Gale Barnes, Ann Cannon Williams, Charlotte Battle Everbach. **Row 2:** Martha Davis Bauman, Artie Dennis Thevaos, Claire Michaels Murray. **Row 3:** Nancy Lewis Montet, Frances Causey Spears, Peggy Thoroughman Callahan, Delma Findlay Watson, Elizabeth Lewis Parsons, Margaret Lynch Cordell, Evelyn LeRoy Fortson. **Row 4:** Peggy Woodall Ford, Jody Mann Adams, Laura Lee Drew Sillay, Marjorie Davis Henize, Marella Mitchell Cassels.

grandchildren. They completed the anniversary celebration with an Elderhostel trip to Ireland in September 2007.

Merrilyn Welch Eastham '53 and her family took an Alaskan cruise this year. "I look forward to seeing friends from Wesleyan at our 2008 reunion," writes Merrilyn from her home in Marietta, GA.

Claire Houser-Dodd '53 of Fort Valley, GA, traveled to Calloway Gardens in Pine Mountain, GA, to see "roomie" **Varese Chambliss '54**. "It was all wonderful. We even attended a party at the new five-star lodge." She adds "thank goodness Varese is a Wesleyanne," as they would still be lost in the gardens if anybody else had been driving. "Sorry Varese missed the beautiful Valentine Tea at the college."

Joan Jennings Norton '53 writes from Green Cove Springs, FL, with a challenge to members of the Class of '53: "I would love to hear from 'old' classmates. How about it - **Peggy Brummitt, Martha Biemann Hastings, Ann (Draughon) Lary, Felicia "Flea" Lee**, and others on third floor of Persons Hall 1950-1952?" Joan also reports that her daughter, **Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79**, continues teaching mass media and TV communications at the University of Arkansas. Joan, on the other hand, is researching genealogy and loving it. "Retirement is so rewarding!"

Ann Harrell Saunders '53 of Augusta, GA, enjoyed 66 days on Holland America's *Prinsendam*. "I saw Machu Picchu, Nasca Lines, Antarctica, and the mighty Amazon. Wonderful cruise; side effects: hurricane, rogue waves (2), earthquakes (2), and lots of dancing. Love to the Class of 1953!"

Kathryn Parsons Willis '53 of Duluth, GA, still works full-time at Parsons (gifts and home décor store founded by her family in 1925) when she is not busy keeping up with her six grandchildren.

Amelia Adams Wilson '53 of Eatonton, GA, has been elected to the board of trustees of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, one of the country's two largest statewide, nonprofit preservation organizations. Active in her community since graduation, Amelia is chairman of the board of The Peoples Bank of Eatonton, where she and her husband, Harvey, founded The Peoples Bank Foundation Scholarship, honoring students who have worked their way through school. She is also a board member of the Eatonton Historical Society, Eatonton Advisory Committee for the Arts, Macon Symphony Orchestra, Putnam County Hospital Foundation, Colonial Dames of America and Madison Town Committee, as well as a former board member of the Madison Morgan Cultural Center. Mrs. Wilson is a 50-year award member of Georgia Bankers, C of C Citizen of the Year, Eatonton Putnam Library Woman of the Year and serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church.

Maconites **Stan and Natalie Brewton Barfield '54** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends on June 30, 2007, a day after their actual anniversary date. The surprise celebration held at Vineville United Methodist Church was planned by her children, Carey, Jana, and **Dale-Renee "Tootsie" Barfield Pinkston '89**. Longtime friend and former Wesleyan Professor of Music, **Dr. Sylvia Ross '92 (HON)**, traveled from Pennsylvania for the festivities, as did many of Natalie's Wesleyan friends and classmates.

Jacquelyn Burton Cook '54 of De Soto, GA, released her 11th book, *Lit With the Sun*, an historical novel set in Macon. Conservatory classmates will relate to the memories of basement practice rooms and courting parlors in the scenes of Mary Day and Sidney Lanier. The fictionalized true story follows Anne Tracy and her husband, William Butler Johnston, who built the Johnston-Felton-Hay House.

Natholyn "Nan" Miller Freeman '54 of Sparta, GA, says, "The thrill of a lifetime was on April 21, 2007, when my granddaughter, **Jennifer Jenkins '07**, asked me to be her candlelighter. The second thrill came when she called me and asked me to be her hoodier on graduation day. These two exciting moments fulfilled a dream of mine to have a daughter or granddaughter graduate from Wesleyan. I carried that dream in my heart since my own graduation in 1954."

John and Jane Fraser Bradley '55 are grateful for their health! While traveling away from their home in Natchitoches, LA, Jane had a sick spell at Christmas and was hospitalized for two weeks with congestive heart failure, while in Georgia. "Brunswick Medical Center gave me excellent care! My children were able to be near me. John still enjoys his work and is able to keep flying his plane."

Leonard and Elizabeth "Libby" Truitt Furlow '55 of Gainesville, FL, now have three grandchildren, all girls: Eva, 7; Tessa, 2 1/2 years; and Lila, 11 months. "We have 'retired' from our volunteer overseas surgery trips. I am active at the Florida Museum of Natural History as a docent, and board member and horticulture volunteer in our butterfly rainforest." Libby enjoyed seeing President Knox in March at the alumnae dinner in Gainesville, where she served as a hostess.

Elizabeth "Liz" Wilson Lowry '55 of Glen Allen, VA, shares that at the age of 73 she has a new grandson, Carson William Lowry, son of Robert and Tracy Lowry.

Joyce Ann Loudermilk Richards '55 from Marietta, GA, fondly remembers two late Wesleyan faculty members. "Our family was saddened to hear of the deaths of Dr. Jacob Quiambao (who taught our daughter, **Kimberly Richards Denmark '78**) and **Miss Ann Munck '38** (who taught me in 1951-1952). Wesleyan students were most

fortunate to have had these excellent teachers and friends in our lives. Dr. Quiambao also performed Kimberly's wedding in 1980. Their friendship continued to grow over the years."

Wayne and **Isabel "Izzie" Graf Saterbak '56** of Tulsa, OK, celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on June 16, 2007.

"Wesleyan sisterhood is a treasure!" writes **Trudy Wilson Topolosky '56** from Bradenton, FL. "When our beloved classmate **Marianne Morris '56** became unable to travel, several 'took the reunion party to her' in Fort Gaines. Surely she was with us in spirit when we continued the tradition in May at Callaway Gardens. This time our men were invited! Attending were **Joan Shapiro Foster** (Vero Beach, FL), **Mary Tappan Mabry** (Woodstock, GA), **Happy Garner Kirkpatrick** (Gainesville, GA), **Arline Atkins Finch** (Gainesville, FL), **Carolyn Sims Brooks** (Decatur, GA), and yours truly."

▲ 1957 (50th Reunion)

"The Washboard Band Rocks and Sisterhood Rules" was the mantra for members of the Class of 1957 who attended their reunion in record numbers. Although red is still the class color of choice, classmates took on an added "golden" glow when they attained Golden Belle status during Alumnae Weekend. Reunion chair **Joan Maddox Sammons-Hodges** made sure this golden anniversary stayed that way by planning a Friday night get-together at LaQuinta Inn and a Saturday night class party at the home of **Betty Kemper Lhotka**. Original Washboard Band members **Peggy "Preacher" Miller Nelson, Betty Brabston Ballard, and Reba Thurmond**, under the direction of band founder **Jimmie Claire Copeland North**, reunited to make Wesleyan musical history and added the WOW+ factor by offering up treasured musical moments, especially at the

Class of 1957 50th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Sue Rogers McCright, Sylvia Vanlandingham Rossiter, Jean Middlebrooks Morris, Faye Rowe Somers, Julie Adams Hawk, Jema Davis Gray, JoAn Bloodworth Nunnally, Peggy Miller Nelson, Sylvia Hartman Smith. **Row 2:** Jane Lowe Payne, Harriette Wilkes Grimes, Mary "Pont" Riley Hall, Maria Higgins, Carla DuBose Kalec, Nan McClellan Flowers, Jimmie Copeland North. **Row 3:** Christine "Teenie" Little Greene, Joan Maddox Sammons-Hodges, Reba Thurmond, Martha Anne Neville Reynolds, Martha Sisson Gaston, Ann "Becky" Smith Taylor. **Row 4:** Nancy Howard, Betty Kemper Lhotka, Betty Sue Hammond, Anita Bruce Etheridge, Nancy Haller, Mary Hodge Malone, Ruth Chapman Ham.



Annual Meeting and Picnic by the Fountain. **Mary Hodge Malone**, Peggy Nelson, and Betty Lhotka also served on the phone committee, while class email rep **Julie Adams Hawk** kept classmates connected all year long and promoted the Alumnae Art Exhibit. Participants in the exhibit were **Jo Tryon Lange**, **Nancy Haller**, **Rosemary Wood Dodd**, and Betty Lhotka. Joan Sammons-Hodges and **Jean Middlebrooks Morris** served as Grand Marshals of the Parade of Classes, while **Carla DuBose Kalec** carried the Class Spirit Flag. Reba Thurmond also served as leader of Morning Watch on Sunday. To the delight of the class, **Nancy Howard** volunteered to chair the 55th reunion. **Christine "Teenie" Little Greene** produced a nearly two hour DVD of the 50th reunion so classmates will be able to relive special memories.

"This (reunion) was truly a spirit lifting weekend, and I enjoyed every minute! I came home and told my husband that we need to have violin music every morning at breakfast," writes **Martha Sisson Gaston '57** of Atlanta, referring to the violin and piano performance by **Artemisia "Artie" Dennis Thevaos '52** and **Claire Michaels Murray '52** at the Strawberry Breakfast.

Christine "Teenie" Little Greene '57 of Cartersville, GA, has a WESLEYAN FIRST – she was the first woman elected to the Cartersville School Board and served eight years as member, secretary and president.

"The 50th anniversary was awesome! The planning was excellent; the students on campus were helpful and welcoming. The events were appropriately planned and what more can I say? Thank You!" shares **Betty Sue Hammond '57** of West Palm Beach, FL.

Ruth Chapman Ham '57 writes from Smarr, GA, "It was so good to be back on campus again and to see so many of my classmates at our grand 50th reunion. I felt blessed to have been given those four years at such a fine

school and to have shared them with good teachers and friends. The reunion left me with pride for Wesleyan and its future."

"Our 50th reunion was wonderful! The luncheon, the parties, our class gift to Wesleyan, the Alumnae Art Exhibit (an idea of our class and the Class of 1967), and the honoring of our beloved Washboard Band were highlights. However, nothing can top the love we shared with our classmates. Ah, the joy of being together!" reflects **Julie Adams Hawk '57** from her home in Flowery Branch, GA.

As part of her 50th reunion gift, **Nancy Howard '57** donated 22 original letters to the college from Miss Katharine Payne Carnes '13, who served as librarian at Wesleyan for 40 years. Famous for her "Dear Girls" letters, the writings are filled with musings about library decorum and proper student behavior – complete with her own brand of humor. The collection is an historical treasure and a "must read" for Wesleyanians of all ages. (Watch for more about the "Dear Girls" letters in the spring issue of the Wesleyan Magazine.)

Sybil Griner Johnston '57 of Statesboro, GA, has been married 50 years to her husband, Bud. They are both retired teachers and have one married daughter, and one granddaughter.

"I greatly enjoyed the reunion - so good to come back and see old friends," writes **Carla DuBose Kalec '57**. Carla, a retired physician, lives in a townhouse in Tampa, FL, and travels when she can. She earned her degree from Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1961. She has two WESLEYAN FIRSTS – she was the first female OB-GYN resident at Tampa General Hospital in Florida and the first female to practice in her field in Hillsborough County, FL.

Nancy Edenfield Sawyer '57 enjoyed seeing **President Ruth Knox '75**, **Cathy Coxey Snow '71** and **Beth Kargel '91** in Lakeland, FL. Twelve Wesleyanians had

dinner together at the Lakeland Yacht and Country Club and Ruth Knox gave an update the college. "I'm sorry I missed my 50th class reunion. It had to be great."

Eleanor Adams Lane '58 of Macon received the 2007 Women of Distinction Award given by the Girl Scouts of Middle Georgia, Inc., in May 2007. The award recognizes women who have made significant contributions to their communities.

Reporting from Sedgwick, ME, **Lee Brenaman Holmes '59** says that she and husband Don love their life on the coast. "No cell service here, but daily post office visits keep everyone apprised of news. Sailing, gardening, and visitors keep us busy in the summer, leaving winter for accomplishing things. Little piano in my life these days, but I play clarinet in the local band. Our big gig was the parade on July 4th that featured decorated pick-ups, antique fire engines and marching dachshunds!"

1960s

Sylvia "Arkie" Clark '60 of Blue Ridge, GA, represented Wesleyan at Fannin County High School's Scholarship night in May, where she presented incoming Wesleyan freshman, Emily Epperson, of Epworth, GA, with a certificate of achievement.

Barbara Bird McLendon '60 of New York, NY, is a silver life master in bridge. She came in 4th in the country in points in her fairly low category (500 – 1000) with 509. "I had a wonderful year at bridge," writes Barbara.

Dr. Sheila Nichols McNeill '60 of Tampa, FL, shares news of her daughter. "Prentiss has been awarded funding for a second Ph.D. at Harvard. She will receive a master's degree in statistics in conjunction with this Ph.D."

Maconite **Jackie Davis Richardson '60** is proud of her daughter, Kelley Richardson Hester, who is the head women's golf coach at The University of

Georgia. Kelly, who was inducted into the Macon Sports Hall of Fame, had previously been head coach at Arkansas. Kelly is also mother to Jackie's first granddaughter, Elizabeth "Bebe" Hester, born in March 2007.

Bill and Judy Warnock Burns '61 are enjoying their new house in Austin, TX.

Juliana "Jukie" Hardeman Caldwell '61 of Cape Coral, FL, is currently the community lay director and chair of the board of directors of SunCoast (Florida) Walk to Emmaus.

Columbia, MD, residents **Werner and Andrea Morris Gruhl '61** are the only couple serving on the board of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area, where Andrea also serves as co-chair of the endowment committee. Active as vice-president of the League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area, Andrea is also director of her county and state leagues. The Gruhls took a "footsteps of St. Paul" tour to Greece this summer with members of their church.

During the past year Maconite **Dr. Sandra Combs Lewis '61** became president of The Fore (In) Sight Foundation which was founded by Dr. Bernard Murdock, former Wesleyan professor of psychology. She also helped her father celebrate his 100th birthday!

Harriett Evans Myers '61 of Lynn Haven, FL, was selected "Woman of the Year" by Bay County NOW (National Organization for Women) for four decades of leadership in pursuit of justice, freedom, and understanding on behalf of girls and women. Honored at a luncheon ceremony that included 60 people, Harriett says she was thrilled that NOW donated books in her name to a local school.

Sally Husted Shuford '61 and **Susan Taylor King '63** attended the graveside services of **Miss Ann Munck '38** in their home town of Bradenton, FL, after receiving word that Miss Munck would be interred there. "Neither of us had



Temple Wilson Ellis '58 of Covington, Georgia, is a professional artist who paints in oils. Her work was the subject of an article in *The Citizen* newspaper in July. Although she has attended workshops and taken art classes from various artists throughout the years, Temple's paintings reflect the intuitive nature of her creativity and have found homes in significant places. Always interested in art, Temple began painting not long after her husband, former Superior Court Judge Greeley Ellis, ended his pursuit of the governor's office in 1990. Ironically, two of Temple's paintings now hang in Governor Sonny Perdue's office at the State Capitol. Temple, who also recently completed a commission for the new Georgia Perimeter College campus, describes her work as "impressionistic realism." She is a member of the Southern Heartland Art Guild and the Southern Crescent Alliance for Visual Artists. When not painting, Temple enjoys her three sons and five grandchildren.

any idea that she had connections here. Her parents are buried here, and Miss Munck was buried beside them. I thought you would want to know that Wesleyannes were represented at the service," writes Sally.

▲ 1962 (45th Reunion)

Members of the Class of 1962 enjoyed a fun-filled 45th reunion, thanks to the hard work of reunion co-chairs **Charlotte Jolly Hale** and **Rhoda Morrison Joyner**, and reunion committee members **Jane Flemister Batten** and **Elizabeth "Liz" Daves Ream**, class party hostess. Liz Ream welcomed classmates to her home on Friday night, while the Fairfield Inn served as "PK Central" for Saturday night gatherings. A great reunion weekend turnout sent PK spirits soaring and set the stage for an even greater "BIG FIVE - O" in 2012.

Jackie Turner Bailey '62 lives in Austell, GA, with her husband of 17 years. She still works but is ready to retire. One of her stepsons just returned from Iraq. Jackie has five grandchildren, (ages five weeks to seven years). In June 2007, Jackie traveled to England for a wedding at the Charles and Diana Spencer home in Northampton. "My favorite part of the Wesleyan 45th reunion was sitting in the lobby of the hotel talking late one night with a group of delightful, smart, positive, and charming classmates," writes Jackie. And her classmates vowed that JACKIE is gonna sing from the auditorium stage at the 50th!

Jane Flemister Batten '62 retired to the mountains in Big Canoe, GA, after a ten year career as a college professor of mathematics. She is married to Bob, who was head of the actuarial science program at Georgia State University for 32 years. Jane enjoys her two sons and daughter and three grandchildren.

Retired middle school teacher **Marianne Hogsed Baumgartner '62** lives in Dunwoody, GA, where she

enjoys horticulture. Marianne writes, "I ran the bookstore for the Atlanta Flower Show, now I just count money from ticket sales and retail. I am membership chair for the American Hydrangea Society. Joe and I continue to volunteer at the Georgia Aquarium and at several local golf tournaments, as well as for *Martinis & Imax* once a month at Fernbank. Our daughter and her family live in Atlanta with two grandchildren. We have such fun with them!"

Traveling from New Zealand (where she immigrated in 1969) to the reunion, **Julianne Snelling Blanks '62** had a fun time teaching classmates "Hey Y'all" in Maori and singing them a greeting song. She also shared beautiful pictures of her grandchildren, three Kiwi sons, two daughters-in-law (one a Yank) and husband Ross, also a Kiwi.

"I wish I could have been there for the reunion in April," writes **Sandra Deer '62**. "The play I wrote about my mother, *The Subject Tonight is Love*, was being produced at the Marin Theatre in Mill Valley, CA, which is where I was for rehearsals the weekend of our reunion. I now live in Brevard, NC, in a beautiful forest outside of town. I hope there were lots of people at the reunion and you all had a wonderful time." **Rhoda (Morrison Joyner)**, **Charlotte (Jolly Hale)**, and **Jane (Flemister Batten)**, thank you for the thoughtful work you've done to gather us together. Some things never change, do they?"

Ellen Weldon Dukes '62 lives in Austell, GA, works for an Atlanta law firm, and sings in the Atlanta Symphony Chorus. Her husband died in March and she is forging a new path for herself, though she misses him dearly. "I continue to be grateful for the foundation for living we all gained at Wesleyan, as well as the lifelong friends. I'm amazed that we get back together and immediately just pick right up where we left off. I think we all are who we are in a special way because of our time at Wesleyan," writes Ellen. (See *Sympathy*.)

"PK's are invited to our quiet place on the edge of the Ocala National Forest," writes **Iris Carroll Edwards '62** of Silver Springs, FL. She and husband Walter (retired in 2002) have a small house on a lake. According to Iris, "Walter has flunked retirement twice; first, to serve as interim pastor of a church in Ocala, and currently as the pastor of a very small church nearby. But he still enjoys study, sermon preparation, preaching, teaching, and writing. Last year he took a Florida Master Naturalist course and we have planted many area plants, including azaleas and citrus trees." Iris says she finally has time to read and also volunteers at the hospital, plays in the church hand bell choir, and sings in the choir. This past spring she sang "Mendelssohn's Elijah" - the first time she had sung it since Wesleyan under the direction of Dr. Sylvia Ross!

Sharon Faris '62 of Gainesville, FL, was sorry that she could not make it to reunion. "My duties as the education coordinator for the local history museum and its annual event kept me here. I thought when I retired from Civil Service (30 years in Germany) that I could relax and travel. I returned to Gainesville to care for my mother (85 then, now 95) who said that she didn't need any 'taking care of....get a job!' So I did, and now I'm hooked on history and involved with the educational community. In March, I attended a local Wesleyan alumnae dinner where **President Ruth Knox** spoke. I was delighted to see classmates **Iris Carroll (Edwards)** and **Dot Hendrix (Hope)** there. Greetings to all the great PKs of '62. I will definitely be there for the 50th!"

Emma Lou Keaton Franklin '62 of Statesboro, GA, writes, "I have three children and two granddaughters, 5 and 3. My son, 31, is a missionary with YWAM (Youth with a Mission). He was in South America for three years and is now in Europe." According to reunion chair **Rhoda Morrison Joyner**

'62 Emma Lou "loves to laugh, and shared her wonderful, continuing sense of humor with all of us at reunion."

Retired 5th grade teacher, **Charlotte Jolly Hale '62**, has lived on top of Burnt Mountain in Jasper, GA, for 18 years. Her husband, Floyd, works as a mediator. They are very active with Friendship Force and travel extensively with them. Some of Charlotte's beautiful photos were displayed in the Alumnae Art Exhibit. In addition to being a new grandmother to Declan Clifford Hale, born to Lawson and Yuri Hale on May 24, 2007, Charlotte is active in her church, Cherry Log Christian (Disciples of Christ), where she sings in the choir and serves on many committees. She also works with the Boys and Girl's Club in Jasper.

Jo Anne Fagan Hanft '62 enjoyed the reunion and her first time back to Wesleyan. Her 92-year-old mother, **Celette Clarke Fagan Grice '36**, lives with Jo Anne and her husband on Saint Simons Island, GA. Two daughters and four grandkids are Jo Anne's pride and joy.

After living in Augusta for 30 years, Gene and **Carol Anne Rollins Harrison '62** moved to Blairsville in the beautiful mountains of north Georgia. "The mountains are cooler, the living is slower, and we love living there," writes Carol Anne. They both volunteer with the Blairsville/Union County Chamber of Commerce, The Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center, High Country Artisans (a local arts and crafts guild) and sing in their church choir. Carol Anne is also a member of the Misty Mountain Quilt Guild. "Gene and I met on the Wesleyan campus 49 years ago. Wesleyan will always hold a special place for us." The Harrisons have three daughters and five grandchildren.

Dottie Rhoden Hicks '62 continues to teach and sing of her faith for women's groups. She and husband Jack have opened a tea room in their lovely Victorian home in Cobbtown, GA, on

Class of 1962 45th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Ellen Weldon Dukes, Betty Burroughs Smith, Harriett Laslie Reynolds, Carol Anne Rollins Harrison, Ann Yarbrough Mallard, Iris Carroll Edwards. **Row 2:** Rhoda Morrison Joyner, Dora Hanson James, Ellen Chaney Patterson, Jill Jayne Read, Charlotte Jolly Hale. **Row 3:** Pheobe Pope Mynard, Emma Lou Keaton Franklin, Sherry Staples Hubbard, Dottie Rhoden Hicks, Marybelle Proctor Menzel, Peggy Smith Pittman. **Row 4:** Elizabeth Daves Ream, Harriett Hentz Hoerrner, Susan von Unwerth Overman, Jane Flemister Batten. **Row 5:** Jo Anne Fagen Hanft, Ruth Dundagan Wood, Marsha Harris Rudolph, LaTrelle Blackburn Oliver, Jackie Turner Bailey. (Not pictured: Sue Summerhill O'Kelley, Emily England Stamos.)



the Wiregrass Trail. She invites PK's to come and enjoy scones at Seren-i-tea (by appointment). Dottie enjoys visiting daughter Chandra, and son Derek, and two beautiful granddaughters.

Classmates were delighted to see **Harriett Hentz Hoerrner '62**, who has moved to Panama City, FL, to help care for her mother. Alumnae Weekend was her first time back to Wesleyan since her first reunion in the 60s. Harriett's husband died February 10, 2006. She has one son, Mark, who lives in Kennesaw, GA, with his wife, Keisha, and two sons, Chase (7) and Tristan (6). (See *Sympathy*.)

Sherry Staples Hubbard '62 retired from a career of teaching in Signal Mountain, TN. Her four grandchildren keep her busy.

Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62 retired after teaching for 33 years in early childhood education, most of the time for city schools in Decatur, GA. **Joyce Paris '54** was her principal at Glennwood School for much of her career. Now she and her husband, Doug, host guests at their home-stay Garden House Bed and Breakfast in Decatur. Rhoda recently completed 55 hours of training to become a Svaroopa Yoga teacher, a restorative style of Hatha Yoga. PK's of '62 please send Rhoda your e-mail address at decatur135@yahoo.com if you are not on the class email list.

"I was so disappointed to miss reunion! Bill and I were on a trip to China and Hong Kong at that time," writes **Nancy Glover Kennedy '62** from her home in Atlanta where she has lived for 43 years. "We have ten grandchildren, and our son and his wife are expecting #6! They are home schooling in Boone, NC, where David builds homes. Our daughter, Denis, has five children and currently lives in Alexandria, VA. Oldest son Clarke (who came to graduation in 1962) is seriously considering marriage at age 45. Bill and I still snow ski and live part of the

year at our home at Beech Mountain, NC. (We built back after a fire destroyed it three years ago.) We love the cool weather, gardening, hiking, tennis, bridge and friends there."

Dora Hanson Little '62 of Opelika, AL, has kept up with Wesleyan classmates through **Emma Lou Keaton Franklin '62** of Statesboro, GA. Dora's husband of 35 years died in 1996. Together they had a successful fitness business. She is enjoying twin grandchildren born last year.

Ann Yarbrough Mallard '62 has moved to a condo and loves it! She also loves her four grandchildren. Ann had a recent "mini reunion" with classmates **Harriet Holland Schmitt '62** of Kailua-Kona, HI, and **Sharon Faris '62** of Gainesville, FL, at the home of **Rachel Ann Eppehimer Livezey '62**, who lives in Greentown, PA.

Frances Parker McCrary '62 and husband Dennie live on Sea Island, GA. Reunion weekend was the same weekend as a long planned Christmas gift to two of her seven grandchildren – a trip to Sea World to swim with the dolphins! "Guess I will have to wait until the 50th!" She and Dennie are both from Macon and have strong ties to Wesleyan. Dennie serves on the Board of Trustees and Frances' great, great grandmother was the first graduate (alphabetically) **Catherine Brewer Benson (1840)**. Frances spent only her junior year at Wesleyan before getting married. She keeps in touch with Wesleyan roommate, **Tricia Bonner Burton '62**. "I usually attend the alumnae tea held on St. Simons every Christmas," writes Fran.

Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62 taught school in various locations until raising her three sons. Now she enjoys her nine grandchildren. Marybelle has been very active with AAUW (American Association of University Women) serving as president of the local branch in Littleton-Englewood, and as Colorado state president, leading

the organization of 22 chapters of AAUW in this state. Husband Bob is proud of her accomplishments that have garnered her a place in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who of American Women*. Bob recently retired from Lockheed Martin. They enjoy traveling together when they are not at home in Littleton, CO.

"I regret not being able to attend reunion but I look forward to hearing all the news from classmates," writes **Mary Charles Davis Moses '62**. "Paul and I have lived in Tallahassee, FL, since he retired from the Navy in 1997. We moved here from Norfolk, VA, where he was Commander of the Naval Base. After a 35-year naval career, we are happy to be back 'home.'" Mary has two sons and four grandchildren. She stays very busy at church and Bible Study Fellowship International, where she is a discussion group leader. "It would have been great to see everyone. Hope I can make the NEXT ONE!"

Charles and Pheobie Pope Mynard '62 reside in Tucker, GA. They have two grown children, a son and a daughter, and three grandsons. Pheobie is active at Lawrenceville Road Methodist Church, loves scuba diving, photography, gardening, and playing cards. Alumnae Weekend was her first time back to Wesleyan since she left for FSU. Classmates enjoyed remembering their freshman and sophomore years while looking at Pheobie's scrapbook at reunion. She keeps in touch with **Mary Mac Owens Hall '62**.

LaTrelle Blackburn Oliver '62 and her husband, Hoyt, live in Oxford, GA, where he is a retired professor of religion (Oxford College of Emory University). When LaTrelle is not busy being a new "gramma" to Lucas (Erik's son) she is dedicated to promoting Smart Growth principles, responsive civic governance, green space acquisition, and universally accessible public parks.

Dr. Sue Summerhill O'Kelley '62 has been a volunteer on the Hospice and Habitat for Humanity boards in Flagler Beach, FL. She also volunteered with a team to rebuild homes in Louisiana. Her youngest grandchild is doing well after open heart surgery.

After retiring from the Air Force and moving back to Jacksonville for ten years, **Sonya Shipman Otte '62** returned to San Antonio when she remarried in 1999. "Ray Otte is a wonderful man! Through marriage I now have a 34-member family, including four grown children, 13 grandchildren and six great grands. We stay busy with family and church. Ray is the Temple President of the San Antonio Texas Temple (for the LDS Church). This means we work four or five days a week. So, after being retired for 20 years, I now have a full time volunteer job! I keep in touch with **Harriet Holland Schmitt '62** and **Maureen Philpot Magnan '62** and love reading the *Wesleyan Magazine*. Life has been rewarding and challenging. I was a widow at the last reunion, and one of my biggest challenges was breast cancer (but I have been cancer free for over 12 years). Happy 45! I hope to be there for the 50th!"

"I'm retired from that dream job at Kenan Institute for the Arts in Winston Salem, NC, and where I enjoyed giving money to arts organizations. I also enjoy my two grandchildren! Now I'm very involved in volunteer work with the North Carolina School of the Arts, the library, our neighborhood, etc... – the usual stuff. We have a house in the mountains where we spend time in the summer. I do a LOT of gardening, which keeps me cheerful," reports **Susan von Unwerth Overman '62**.

Mooresville, NC, residents **Ellen Chaney Patterson '62** and husband John are certified financial planners and owners of Patterson Financial Associates. Married for 45 years, they enjoy their five grandchildren and are



Class of 1967 40th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Dale Harris, Anne Hilger Manley, Jane Manley Wheelless, Marilyn Avra Williams. **Row 2:** Rosanne James Harrell, Barbara Bryant, Kasey Carneal Phillips, Laura Treadway de Martino, Jean Widney Wynn, Joanna Trask Harrison. **Row 3:** Margaret Thompson Monahan, Karen Moore Thomson, Flora Jean Phillips Grindstaff, Janie Hudson Williams, Helen Neal Kleiber, Kathi Neal. **Row 4:** Jurelle Whatley Stanton, Alexis Xides Bighley, Flo Williams Douglas. **Row 5:** Carole Anne Golden, Anne Telford Parr, Marilyn Vickers, Judy Johnson Highsmith, Judy Warren Edwards, Ann Zimmerman Elliott, Harriett Willcoxon Palmer.

busy remodeling a cabin in Franklin, NC. Ellen is also a gifted artist and classmates viewed her colorful paintings at the alumnae art show. View her work at EllenPattersonArt.com.

Peggy Smith Pittman '62 of Macon enjoys being a retired teacher. She was happy to reconnect with classmate **Rhoda Morrison Joyner '62** at a Conference of Progressive Christian Studies in St. Simons, GA, last January.

Currently the proprietor of Southern Comforts, a decorative arts consignment shop in Athens, GA, **Jill Jayne Read '62** is also an artist. Her most recent creation, Kentucky History Plates (displayed at the Alumnae Art Exhibit) may be seen at KentuckyHistoryPlates.com. Jill is also the proud mother of three girls, and grandmother of seven.

Retired teacher **Elizabeth Daves Ream '62** and husband Buck live on Zebulon Road in Macon, an area that has undergone extensive change since her Wesleyan days. She and Buck enjoyed hosting the Friday night class party during reunion. Liz feels so blessed that her family members have come through health challenges well – Buck surviving a stroke and other health issues, and a grandchild having a bone marrow transplant. Liz and Buck enjoy being with their grandson and granddaughter.

Augusta, GA, resident **Harriet Laslie Reynolds '62** has two children and five grandchildren yet still finds time to volunteer. She served for a number of years on the Wesleyan Board of Trustees and as an alumna volunteer in Augusta. Active with the Augusta Symphony, at one time serving as its president, she is involved with the Augusta Museum of History and serves as chair of its endowment.

Marsha Harris Rudolph '62 of Valdosta, GA, has five grandchildren, four boys and one girl. "Coleman's family lives in Canton, GA. He is a commercial planning specialist with Smith

Barney Certified. Russ and his family live in Spartanburg, SC, where he is an engineer with Milliken." Marsha teaches swimming and still plays piano and bridge. Classmates agree that Marsha's great sense of humor is still intact and made for plenty of fun at the 45th.

Sarah Calhoun Savage '62 is proud of her son, Charlie, who won a Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting this year, and is a Washington correspondent for the *Boston Globe*. Closer to home, Sarah is looking forward to new adventures this year, after retiring from the Canterbury School in Fort Wayne, IN, where she taught art. "I hated to miss the reunion but I was in the throes of our spring musical and could not leave. Now that I've retired, I won't have an excuse for not attending the 50th! Hello to everyone!"

"Aloha Purple Knights! If you are ever on the Kona Coast of the Big Island of Hawaii, give me a call," writes **Harriet Holland Schmitt '62**, who was unable to attend reunion due to the wedding of her youngest daughter, Gail. Older daughter, Cathy, is married, earned a Ph.D. in organizational leadership, and is director of Disabled Student Services at Cal Poly, Pomona. Since the reunion 15 years ago, Harriet and husband David moved from Colorado to California (1993) and then retired to Kailua-Kona last year. "Marybelle Proctor Menzel '62 was our first visitor. She and I have often lived in the same parts of the country since Wesleyan. David and I volunteer here. I am on the board of Friends of the Library, joined a quilting group, and even helped with the Iron Man Triathlon! Wesleyan was good for me. I am going to make it a goal to be with you to celebrate 50 years in 2012. That's when we get the free luncheon!"

Betty Burroughs Smith '62 of Conway, SC, says she is "blessed to have recovered so well from an aortic valve replacement surgery." She thanks **Jane Flemister Batten '62** for her support

throughout her health crisis. Now recovered, Betty continues to play lots of tennis and enjoys her grandchildren.

Emily England Stamos '62 retired from teaching after 35 years. She and her husband live in Evanston, IL, where they enjoy theater, traveling, gardening, and three grandkids, all of whom have Emily's chin! Her two daughters survived being attacked by bandits while in Guatemala in 1997. Her older daughter was shot in the throat and, after seven surgeries, has had a miraculous recovery of her voice. Her younger daughter, who helped to engineer the rescue, is now a clinical professor of law at Northwestern University. Emily is a breast cancer survivor and feels much gratitude for the recovery of her daughter and herself.

Chattanooga, TN, resident **Gail Karnett Walldorf '62** was unable to attend reunion due to a family crisis. Her middle son had a bad motor cycle accident and she was in Huntsville helping him and his family. "I wish I could have come to reunion and see all the gang. I'm sick this happened to Jeff. He will have a long recovery but we hope everything will be fine. Please keep us in your prayers. You know that I would love to have been with ya'll. Give everyone my love."

Ruth Dunagan Wood '62 and her husband, Harry, a retired Methodist minister, live in Visalia, CA, where Ruth retired as a financial planner for Morgan Stanley. She enjoys her four grandkids. Her daughter, **Robin Wood '87**, attended her 20th reunion and was recognized as the alumna who traveled the furthest. Robin and her family (two daughters) live in Mexico. Her son, Lee, and his family (two children) live in Japan. Ruth often visits her sister, who lives in Lawrenceville, GA.

Forsyth, GA, resident **Eva Turpin Persons '63** traveled to Colorado in July with Wesleyan junior, **Kimberly Minor '09**, (daughter of a family friend) to visit the Blackfoot reservation and Eva's

close friend, Chief Curly Bear Wagner, who spoke at Wesleyan last year. In addition to being introduced to Native American culture, Kimberly will enhance her religious studies major by also traveling to Canada, where Curly Bear will show her the sacred sites of his people. (See *Sympathy*.)

In March, **Barbara Johnston Plaxico '63** of Molina, FL, enjoyed a second mission trip with her church to Novosibirsk, Russia (in Siberia), where she taught English as a Second Language. "We were able to share our faith with residents by the end of the week. Yes, it did snow everyday – lots of snow!"

"See you next April at our 45th," writes **Anne Ewing Shumaker '63** from Columbia, SC.

Augusta resident **Glenda Barrett Bull '64** and her husband are looking forward to being a first time grandparents (a boy) in September. Son Barry is the reference librarian at Brewton-Parker College and his wife, Shannon, is director of alumni relations. Brewton-Parker's new student center is named for Bartow and **Jean Cone Snooks '45**. Glenda recently connected with **Sally Powell MacLeod '66** in Rome, GA. Glenda teaches private piano and recently gave up her church position as interim music director.

Peggy Pierce Chandler '64 of Bluffton, SC, has her first grandchildren – identical twin daughters born to her son, Chris, and his wife, Tammy, who live in East Atlanta. They arrived as preemies in February, but are thriving now. "Maybe they will be Wesleyannes one day!"

Elaine Kaloostian Hall '64 resides in Riverside, CA. She still misses the "love of her life," James (Jimmy) Artrip, who died in September 2005.

"Being a grandmother is awesome!" writes **Gail Smith Hoff '64**. Gail spent the summer in Missouri, close to her daughter's family and her two year-old grandson. Back home in Stuart, FL, she enjoys her new puppy.

Class of 1972 35th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Joyce Rice Ellison, Eileen Vickery Thurmond, Jan Riddle. **Row 2:** Debbie Dye Gigliotti, Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley, Becky Jones Brock, Eileen Moffitt Batchelor, Susie McDonald Sheehan. **Row 3:** Marianne Graeme Fortuna, Dianne Claussen, Elizabeth Rogers Kelly. (Not pictured: Kasse Andrews-Weller, Lynn Golson Priester.)



From Lafayette, LA, Virginia "Ginny" **Bowen Maier '64** reports she has retired from full-time medical social work but continues to work 1-2 days per week at various area hospitals. She and husband Alan have three grown children and one grandchild. They enjoy traveling, community activities, and spending time with family and friends.

Fran Strickland Masse '64 of Lake Mary, FL says it is great being retired and playing with two future Wesleyan Green Knights – of course they are only four and six years old!

Judith Kuhn Schlichter '64 is retired and lives in Wilmington, NC, with her husband, Ralph, who she married right after graduation. "We have five children: Sunny (Mount Holyoke and Columbia Executive MBA) is head of future planning at Tufts University; Sally is married with two daughters in Tennessee; Susannah (Dartmouth, East Carolina Medical School, and University of North Carolina [UNC] Chief Pediatric Resident) is married with two daughters and is a partner at The Children's Clinic in Wilmington; Sander (Dartmouth and UNC Medical School) is an associate professor and an attending anesthesiology physician at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital after his residency there; and Schuyler (West Point, Class of 2006), who married after graduation, is an Army Second Lieutenant completing Ranger and Airborne training at Fort Benning, GA. We love being retired and babysitting our two in-town granddaughters."

Nancy Galm Strickland '64 of Jacksonville, FL, says "thanks for the good times!"

After working as a psychotherapist for 27 years, **Linda Maria Willson '64** is semi-retired and loves it! Working as a comprehensive assessor of foster children in the Jacksonville area, much of her work can be done from home. Linda has two daughters and five grandchildren. "My older daughter, Jeanne Higgins, graduated from 'that

other women's college in Georgia," while my younger daughter, **Sharon Bressoud Mladucky '92**, was also a Green Knight. We already have plans for her daughter, Marley Mladucky (2), to graduate from Wesleyan, preferably as a GK. Rah!"

She's a grandmother – again! **Nedra Martin Malone '65** of Macon enjoys playing with granddaughter Sophie Helen Hutchinson born on May 25, 2007, to her daughter, Robin, and husband, Robert "Hutch." Sophie joins big sisters Kristie, Skylar, and Sydney. Aunt **Melissa Malone Constable '91** of Pawleys Island, SC, is proud, too! Now Melissa's daughter, Cassie, who turned one in July, has a new playmate.

Sharon Smith Pizzo '65 of Tampa, FL, is having fun with her grandchildren. Newest grandbaby, Weston Smith Hanlon, and his big brother, William Gray Hanlon (age 2), don't mind the attention one bit. "Sorry we don't have any granddaughters yet to send to Wesleyan." Sharon enjoyed seeing **President Ruth Knox** and other Wesleyan alumnae in March.

Teddy Wilkes Schwandt '65 and her husband traveled to Sweden and Scotland in May, where Teddy had "fun" driving on the left-hand side of the street in Scotland. Back home in the states, the Schwandts call Stansbury Park, UT, their home.

In Winter Garden, FL, **Josephine Tolmie Denmark '66** is excited about retiring soon from her school counselor position. She is expecting her 4th grandchild, who will join other grandchildren Klay (4), Kalleigh (5 months) and Josephine (2).

In July, **Dona D. Vaughn '66** directed PORTopera's production of Rossini's "The Barber of Seville." The production assembled a world-class cast to celebrate PORTopera's 13th season in Portland, ME. In May, Dona directed Mozart's "Abduction from the Seraglio" for its Michigan Opera Theatre premiere. Dona has been artistic director

with PORT since 2004 and stage director since PORT's inception in 1995. An article in the *Portland Press Herald* profiled Dona's career and her impact on helping PORTopera grow its national reputation.

1967 (40th Reunion)

Reunion 2007 was a "winner from the start" with Golden Heart **Flo Williams Douglas** in charge! The Alumnae Weekend 2007 chair made classmates proud and set the stage for a weekend that celebrated sisterhood at its best. Class of 1967 reunion chair **Anne Hilger Manley** and her co-chair and class liaison, **Laura Treadway de Martino**, followed Flo's lead by putting plans in place for a grand 40th with help from **Ann Zimmerman Elliott**, who organized the Alumnae Art Exhibit, **Maribeth Wills Lowe**, who hosted the Friday night class party at her home, and **Judy Warren Edwards**, who welcomed classmates to dinner at her home on Saturday. Trustee **Alexis X. Bighley** worked behind the scenes, especially with *Wesleyan Marketplace*, to make the weekend a memorable one.

"I'm a grandma," writes **Sally Farren Benoy '67** from Marietta, GA. Ryan Clay Benoy was born in Hawaii on May 19, 2007, to my son 1st Lt. Ben Benoy and his wife, Lee.

Maconite **Dot Ogden Brown '67** works as the coordinator of the Bibb County Institute for the Arts and The Arts Education Task Force for Macon. She is also the site coordinator for the Lesley University Master's Degree and EdS Degree Programs for Integrated Teaching Through the Arts at Vineville Academy. In Dot's "spare" time, she continues to paint and teach. She enjoyed being part of the alumnae art exhibit during Alumnae Weekend.

Barbara Ann Bryant '67 lives in Jacksonville, FL, where she works as an adjunct English instructor and Learning Center Communications Lab Coordinator at Florida Community

College. She earned an M.A. in education from the University of Missouri, and has a WESLEYAN FIRST – she is the first woman to be an IDS Financial Auditor in Jacksonville.

Retired attorney **Ann Zimmerman Elliott '67** organized the 2007 Alumnae Art Exhibit held during Alumnae Weekend. Husband Dale was on hand to help. The Elliotts live in Indian Springs, AL, where Dale is a practicing cardiologist. Ann's son-in-law, Ted Whisenhunt, also had a show of painted sculpture entitled *Saints and Haints* in April and May at Wesleyan that Alumnae Weekend visitors were able to view.

Colorado is the place to be in the summer, according to **Ann Hilger Manley '67**, whose home is in Griffin, GA. "My daughter and son-in-law and my unmarried son all live in Breckenridge, CO, a resort town in the mountains. We own a condo here and always come for the month of July – a great time to be away from Georgia! My other son, his wife, and two daughters who live in Griffin are here for a week, so we are having great family time!"

Sally Griffie Mehalko '67 of Fernandina Beach, FL, writes that she was sorry she was unable to attend reunion because of her husband's medical problems.

Margaret Thompson Monahan '67 reports, "In June I graduated from teaching *again*. I suppose 'retired' is the proper word but school has always been about graduating. When we came to Florida from Virginia five years ago, the plan was to teach one more year. This year the plan will be realized after 39 years." Margaret received a master's degree in early childhood education in 1975 from the University of Florida and now lives in Babson Park, FL. "What a joy it was to see so many classmates at reunion after 40 years! Everyone looks just the same as the day we entered as freshmen! And what wonderful stories and lives we've led! We are still AMAZINGLY courageous women."



Class of 1977 30th reunion

Can-it-really-be-our-30th-reunion? Pirates from the Class of 1977 pondered this question and others as they reminisced at a Friday night Dutch-Treat Dinner at Jock's and Jill's and at a Saturday night class party at the home of **Cathy Bailey Crumbley**. Reunion chair and "captain of the crew" **Lynn Moses** made sure plans were in ship-shape order as she welcomed classmates back to campus for a "for real" 30th!

(L to R) **Cathy Bailey Crumbley**, **Merry Von Lehe Cobb**, **Lucia Chapman Carr**, **Vicky Buxton Cork**, **Charlotte Allen**, **Lynn Moses**, **Cary Langford Purvis**.

After three years in D.C., **Kathleen Neal '67** moved back to Atlanta in 2006. "I married Jim Lutz in 2003 and he developed brain cancer in 2005, which is why we moved back to Atlanta. We take each day as it comes. My cancer (breast, twice) has been in remission for five years!" Kathi owns her own business - Arnold Neal Communications, Inc., and is a public relations consultant for non-profit organizations and small businesses. She is the author of *Non-Profit PR: If Charity Begins at Home* published by Pineapple Press in 2001.

Susan Kirvin Ogburn '67 of Macon, and her husband, Chuck, have two granddaughters, Dylan (2 1/2 years) and Willow (5 months), and one grandson, Lawton (one month). "We are very blessed and very busy!"

"It was great to get together with roommate and suitmates **Jean Widney Wynn '67**, **Janie Hudson Williams '67**, and **Flora Jean Phillips Grindstaff '67** in the fall and at reunion," writes **Anne Telford Parr '67** from Atlanta. Anne works as director of adult ministries at Northside United Methodist Church when she is not spending time with her eight grandchildren! Anne's oldest son, Stephen, and his family moved to Virginia, where he is associate dean at UVA Law School. Her middle son, Kevin, and his family live in Tennessee, where he works as an engineer. Youngest son Allan and his wife live in Atlanta, where he is a firefighter with DeKalb County.

Helen Harwell Smith '67 continues to hold her corner of the federal government together in Washington, D.C. She writes that "retirement is appealing but not imminent. David and I travel as often as possible." Helen recently celebrated her 60th birthday with her son and daughter-in-law sailing the Greek Isles and reports that "Yoga on the bow of a sailboat is a real high. Unfortunately we were in Tunisia at the time of reunion. I miss **Gwen (Sorrell '67)** and couldn't do this one (reunion) without her.

Dr. Marilyn Vickers '67 of Athens, GA, had a busy year in 2006. "Daughter Laura Vickers Chittick and son-in-law Graham Goodkin of New York City had their first child, Emma Livingston Goodkin, born September 5, 2006. Son Nathaniel Vickers Chittick married Annie Lauren Mohr on December 19, 2006, in Louisville, KY."

Margaret Nix Windley '67 of Portsmouth, VA, writes that her mother (Ruth P. Nix) died in April 2006 and then she became a grandmother in July 2006. "Joshua turned nine months old on St. Patrick's Day 2007. My daughter, Julie, and her husband, Chris Maynor, and Joshua live not far away in Virginia Beach. My husband, Jim, retired from the Virginia Department of Transportation in 1999 and is an independent fee appraiser." Margaret spearheaded a Jamestown 2007 project through her church UMW. A monument dedicated to the deceased members of Monumental Church (at an earlier church site) resulted in the listing of her community as a Jamestown 2007 Community. Margaret spent 10-12 years researching church records, family histories, and old newspapers collecting names for the monument.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Reverend Allen Sanders and to the **Green Knight Class of 1968** on his death last December. Rev. Sanders was the director of admissions at Wesleyan during the 1960s and was the four-year sponsor of the GK Class of '68. In 1968, "his seniors" dedicated the *Veterropt* to him. Since their graduation, he stayed in touch with many class members, sending greetings to each of their reunions.

Don and **Laura Sullivan Barkley '68** of Atlanta have a new granddaughter whose first name is "Sara Sullivan." She is little sister to "Jake," who is 4 1/2 years old.

Sherman and **Mary Ann Ward Dudley '68** of Douglas, GA, proudly report that their son, Paul, completed his medical training this year. Paul, his wife and their two children, Nila (2

and Priya (4), moved to Seattle in July where Paul joined a reproductive medicine practice. The Dudley's daughter, Mary Catherine, lives in Atlanta with her husband, Bob, and one daughter, Claire (18 months). "Looks like a lot of travel is in our future to see our little girls," writes Mary Ann.

Jana Witham Janeway '68 of Wilton, CT, reports that she still teaches middle school music. In July, she and her husband sang at Canterbury Cathedral and spent time in London. Their first grandchild, Naomi Witham Currie, was born in December 2006. "I visit Macon often as my father has a house there. Wesleyan looks great."

Suzan McNair Jewel '68 writes from Moultrie, GA, that she has three grandchildren, Emily Marie, Abby Grace, and Reid Wilson Jewell.

Maconites Carl and **Andgelia Proctor Kelly '68** are proud grandparents to Rylee Elle Tozier, born November 21, 2006, to Ryan and Lori Tozier of Atlanta.

Still celebrating sisterhood, **Babs Richardson Pirkle '68** (Alpharetta, GA), **Charlotte Knox Canida '68** (Madison, IN), **Beverly Mitchell '68** (Woodstock, GA), and **Nancy Lowe Taylor '68** (Talking Rock, GA), had a recent get-together. "It's amazing how you can pick up threads of conversations started so long ago; how precious our memories of Wesleyan still are!" writes Babs.

Marsha Fernald Sichveland '68 of Eatonton, GA, writes, "My dear sister, **Peggy Ann Fernald Gardner '56**, known to my friends as "Turley," died of brain cancer in January 2007. She attended Wesleyan for three years before transferring to FSU in 1955. She is survived by her husband, Will, and daughter, Eva Lyn." (See *Sympathy and In Memoriam*.)

Jane Kappel Smith '68 says, "After my husband died just over three years ago, I found Macon calling me back. I am now an account executive for WPGA-TV 58, the ABC affiliate. Being

back in Macon is wonderful. I live downtown, which is now revitalized and full of great restaurants and shops...come back to visit!"

Nancy Lowe Taylor '68 and her husband, Johnny, have made the big move from Cobb County to the small town of Talking Rock, GA. "We love it but this has been quite an adjustment! Please come see us in the mountains."

Alice Peninger Beasley '69 of Mooresville, NC, is retired, after an enjoyable and rewarding teaching career. In the fall she will work for Glenco/McGraw-Hill, visiting schools.

Lou Ellen Semler Boyes '69 lives in Juno Isles, FL, and still works for the health department. "I have lots of annual leave - so have been fulfilling my life's dream to travel. So far: Holland, People to People Ambassador trip to China, then New Zealand and Australia! Next is Greece. Hooray!"

Emmaline Haddle Pursley '69 of Douglasville, GA, lost her husband, Rock, in April 2007. "He had successfully won his battle against lung cancer, 2 1/2 years ago. The pneumonia he contracted, however, took his life. I cherish the 39 years of marriage we shared," writes Emmaline. (See *Sympathy*.)

"I've put away the dry erase markers and lesson plans and retired from teaching middle school social studies and language arts. I lasted 26 years: 3 in Gwinnett, 12 in Cobb at Dickerson Middle, and 11 in Muscogee at Blackmon Road Middle. Husband Fred and I take great delight in our granddaughter, Caroline (3)," reports **Diana Hall Richardson '69** from Columbus, GA.

1970s

"I'm always interested in the news of my classmates!" writes **Mary Ella Gibson Bernard '70** from Fort Worth, TX. She is happy to report that her family is doing well this year. "We welcomed our daughter back to Fort Worth after completing a master's

Class of 1982 25th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Karen Martin, Susan Holloway, Jenny Houser Chapin. **Row 2:** Mary Ellen Skowronek Sutphin, Suzanne Colter, Patti Stanukinos McCullough. **Row 3:** Abbyjane Walker Eller, Franchetta Trawick, Debbie Daggett Henry. **Row 4:** Becky Moore Robbins, Lisa DiMuro Gosnell, Susan Dempsey, Anne Cook Oxford.



degree in literature from the University of Virginia and from an earlier two-year stint of teaching English as a Second Language in China."

Judy Oldham Boulay '70 writes, "After having lost both of my parents in a little over a year, Stan and I headed to California by car from Cochranville, PA. We just returned from a super cross-country trip - even visited our youngest, Holly, who is expecting her first child in May...our fourth grandchild!"

Kathy Arnold Hale '70 of Macon is a grandmother - again! Matthew David Lewis (2nd grandson) was born on April 27, 2007. Her first granddaughter, Mary-Katherine Lewis, was born on July 30, 2007.

From Tampa, FL, **Linda Ennis Johnson '70** writes about **President Ruth Knox's** visit to the city. "Just let Ruth know what an honor and privilege it was to have recently met her during her Tampa visit. How very fortunate we all are to have such a smart, real, fun Wesleyanne to lead us on!"

Pat Hammock Wall '70 of Macon is a grandmother for the second time! Robert Haywood Wall (Haywood) was born March 20, 2007. Pictures to come later!

Linda Gail "Lindy" Anderson '71 had a "Wesleyan Christmas" 2006. "My roommate, **Barbara Brinson '71**, came to visit me in Clermont, FL, from Fredonia, NY. In March 2007, I attended the wedding of **Carolyn Berger Krutoy's** son in Athens, GA." Lindy enjoyed being a hostess when **President Ruth Knox** visited with alumnae in Winter Park.

Florida Lieutenant Governor **Toni Jennings '71** of Orlando received the third annual John Young History Maker Award, the Historical Society of Central Florida's highest honor, on May 23, 2007, at a private gala that featured keynote speaker and former Governor Jeb Bush. The event drew more than 500 guests.

Debby Smith Kelly '71 writes from Monticello, GA, about the death of **Louise Fowler Gartrel '49** in December

2006. "She was the mother of my close friend, **Connie Williams**, and her Wesleyan friends were recognized and honored at her funeral. They were all very special ladies and loved Wesleyan."

Tucker, GA, resident and mother of the groom **Carolyn Berger Krutoy '71** reports that her son, Jeff, had a March wedding to Mary Crane in Athens, GA. Jeff is a dental student at Columbia University and Mary works for a design firm in New York City. Carolyn and her husband, Herb, love visiting them!

Maconite **Martha Yates Thomas '71** welcomed son, Richard, back to Macon in August when he joined the medical practice of Waldo Floyd.

▲ 1972 (35th Reunion)

No drum role needed for these *Great Green Knights*, whose presence on campus always makes a statement for the strength of sisterhood. **Susie McDonald Sheehan**, class president and reunion chair, made sure the weekend included time for sharing and celebrating 35 years of friendship (still with many "tales-to-tell"), especially at the Friday night class party hosted by **Joyce Rice Ellison**. Alumna Trustee **Mary Catherine "M.C." Collins O'Kelley** and **Lynn Golsen Priestler** also served on the GKG reunion committee.

According to **Deborah Wedgworth Altman '72**, "Life is good here in Belle Glade, FL. When I am not playing golf or tennis, I am traveling to Tennessee to visit my three grandchildren, my sons and their wives. In April, I celebrated my third anniversary of being cancer free."

Colonel **Kasse Andrews-Weller '72** works for the U.S. Department of Defense in the Secretary of Defense Protocol Office. She is the chief of protocol handling dinners, luncheons, etc., when dignitaries come to Washington to meet with Secretary Gates. She also works as the concierge for the Washington Redskins and makes VIP transportation arrangements for Super

Bowls. Kasse has attended Super Bowls for the last 8 or 10 years, but, because of her work, never sees the game! She and astronaut/teacher **Barbara Morgan** are friends, so this summer Kasse was at Cape Canaveral for the space shuttle launch.

Maconite **Eileen Moffitt Batchelor '72** is the office administrator at Internal Medicine Associates, PC, where she has worked for 34 years. She has also been the minister of music for two United Methodist Churches for the same length of time. Some of her most favorite Wesleyan memories are of Glee Club trips and STUNT.

Becky Jones Brock '72 of LaFayette, GA, retired in 2004 after working for DFCS as a social work supervisor for more than 25 years and then as a consultant for five years. "I never had children but devoted my life to helping abused and neglected children." Becky's best Wesleyan memory was the summer she spent in Roaring Gap with Wesleyan sisters. She also enjoyed working in the library and taking classes from Miss Munck.

According to **Dianne Walden Claussen '72** of Bradenton, FL, developing friendships that have lasted ALL these years is one of her best Wesleyan memories. Dianne graduated from the Medical College of Georgia and is a dental hygienist. She also has a master's degree in health administration from the Medical University of South Carolina.

Joyce Rice Ellison '72 is organist/choir director for St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Hawkinsville, GA, and the receptionist for Stratford Academy in Macon where she lives. She and Chuck (who proposed by a mimosa tree at Jones) have been married for 35 years and have two sons - Charles (30), who is a GEICO claims adjuster, and William (20), who is a junior at Mercer.

Debbie Dye Gigliotti '72 lives in Bradenton, FL, where she is "semi-retired" and enjoying life - teaching, raising kids, and grandkids. Her best

Wesleyan memories are of good friends and stories.

"I'm still in love with Zach and I write emails of significant literary value on a daily basis," reports **Elizabeth Rogers Kelly '72** of Jasper, TN. Our son, Patrick, and his wife, Luisa, live in San Diego, where they are holding my two grandchildren hostage. Son Britt and his wife, Ryan, live in Charleston. We stay busy working (legal assistant and purchasing agent for Edwin Z. Kelly, Jr.), visiting children (probably to their dismay), and enjoying time with friends and family."

Susan Mann Kimbrell '72 lives in Abingdon, VA, home of the famous Barter Theatre and Martha Washington Inn. "I have restored a 1916 arts and crafts bungalow. Sorry I could not make the reunion. Mother died December 2005 and my mother-in-law died April 2006."

Kathleen Weeks Leaman '72 says "Hello to all my classmates" from Orange Park, FL. "Wish I could have been there at our 35th reunion. Daughter **Elizabeth Hague '96** and husband Brian have two children, Olivia (3) and William (9 months). My husband, Craig, and I enjoy having them in our same neighborhood. Our second daughter, Christina, a graduate of the US Coast Guard Academy, is staying with us until her husband, Comm. Capt. Adam Grim, a West Point grad, gets back from his second tour in Iraq. Keep praying for all the troops."

"I started flying for Delta in 1972 and am still flying for Delta in 2007," writes **Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley '72** of Snellville, GA. When M.C. is not flying, she serves as an alumna trustee on the Board of Managers of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association. Reunion 2007 was a family affair for M.C. "It was my 35th reunion, my daughter, **Catherine O'Kelley Fore's**, 5th reunion, and my mother, **Frances Oehmig Collins '47**, was celebrating her 60th! A special time for all of us!"



Class of 1987 20th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Barbara Roe Wallace, (down front) Mary Anne Butler Brocato, Leesa Akins, Lucretia Murphy Presley. **Row 2:** Melissa Tolbert Smith, Lisa Shiveler, Betty Greene Grogan, Katie Brennan Riner. **Row 3:** Gay Garrett, Robin Wood, Lynn Lasseter Prater, Donna Waites Terrill.

Lynn Golson Priester '72 remembered favorite Wesleyan professors at reunion – Miss Munck and Dr. McClary. She also remembered Glee Club trips and dorm life with friends. Lynn hopes her daughter, Florence, who is a first-year Wesleyan student this year, will have the same kinds of memories someday. Lynn lives in Gray, GA, where her son, Davy (12), also keeps her busy.

"I retired after 30 years with Delta Airlines, managed to last three months, then found a job with the Red Cross which led to a part-time position with FEMA. The part-time job turned into a full-time, two-year contract job with FEMA! After that who knows," reports **Jan Riddle '72** from Smyrna, GA. "I continue to travel as much as possible. Thanks to Delta for continued pass benefits!"

"I work part-time in the adult education department for the School District of Palm Beach County. My husband, Jim, and I have been married for 32 years and have two daughters. Elizabeth teaches math in Palm Beach and Lauren teaches in Memphis," writes **Susie McDonald Sheehan '72**. Susie has fond memories of STUNT and of her long night conversations in the dorm.

Dr. Susan Moses Shropshire '72 shares family news from Fort Worth, TX. "My husband, Dr. Cameron Shropshire, retired last year. My oldest son, MacArthur, is a sophomore at University of Texas in the Business Honors Program and he is in the K.A. fraternity. My youngest son, Grady, is a junior in high school at All Saints Episcopal School and he is on the varsity golf team."

Fort Valley, GA, has a new grandmother, **Jane Shirah Stump '72**. Grandson Owen Inman Stump was born February 26, 2007.

Betsy Reeves Wilcox '72 continues to live in the Dallas area. "Wesleyan room-

mate **Sarah Jo Poindexter** and I have had some fun trips in recent years. My daughter, Kate, and her husband and my two grandchildren live nearby. My other daughter, Sarah, is in New Zealand."

Hale Coble Edwards '73 of Greer, SC, was recognized as the 2006 History Teacher of the Year by the South Carolina Council for the Social Studies. Then, she received a letter in July from the National Council for the Social Studies selecting her as the National 2007 Middle Level Social Studies Teacher of the Year! "It is a real honor for me to represent so many wonderful Social Studies/History teachers!" writes Hale.

Millie Parrish Hudson '75 of Decatur, GA, has a new Golden Heart in the family! Her daughter, Sarah, is a first-year student at Wesleyan this fall.

Sarah Shelley '75 has a WESLEYAN FIRST – she is the executive director (the foundation's first) of *KBPS All Classical* radio station in Portland, Oregon. She is the former executive director of World Arts West in San Francisco, served as the executive director of Danceapen, in Aspen, Colorado, and has 20 years experience in administrative roles with various performing arts organizations.

Virginia "Ginna" Pritchard Ashby '76 reports from Jacksonville, FL, that two of her three children are still in college. "All of my children have attended a big university and their experiences are pale compared to the Wesleyan experience. Drs. Quiambao, Strong, Murdoch, and Ann Munck – how sad I was to learn of the deaths of these four outstanding professors who enriched my life."

Patricia Anne "Patti" Henry '76 writes from Wellesley, MA, "As usual, my news centers around my life as a mom. My daughter is a senior in high school preparing for college and auditioning for musical theater programs. She will be touring New England again this summer with Circus Smirkus – as a juggler and clown!"

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Wesleyan CSI! For 20 years, **Charlotte I. Allen '77** has been working with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Jacksonville, FL, as a senior crime lab analyst in the Latent Print Section.

Beth Holliman Boswell '77 of Winston-Salem, NC, represented Wesleyan at the Inauguration of Susan E. Pauly, president of Salem Academy and College in April.

David and Lucia Chapman Carr '77 of Macon celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in June. Lucia is now director of Kids Voting Bibb County, a non-profit national education program.

Since graduating from Wesleyan with a bachelor's degree in music (music education with emphasis in both piano and organ), **Debra Howington Carraway '78**, pianist, has enjoyed life devoted to her family, faith, and music. Professionally, Debra has spent several years serving in music ministry, teaching private piano and beginning a faith-based children's choir in her community. She and husband Paul live in Woodstock, GA, and have two wonderful grown children, Andrew and Sarah. They are currently enjoying their empty nest, looking forward to the next great adventure!

Since 2005, **Dr. Jeri Ellis Crowell '78** has served Wesleyan as director of the Academic Center and director of Disability Services. Now she joins the graduate faculty at Fort Valley State

University where she will teach mental health counseling courses and assist with development for a school counseling program in the College of Education.

Leigh Lambert Goff '78 of Atlanta and family enjoy spending time with **Felton Carter Little '79** and family on their "yacht," *The Joy Boy*. Earlier this summer the two families lived through a real life Gillian's Island-like episode. According to Leigh, "The weather started getting rough. The tiny ship was tossed. If not for the courage of the fearless crew *The Joy Boy* would be lost! All that to say: we survived a terrible thunder and lightning storm on Lake Alatoona!" Felton's son, Jordan, is 18 months younger than Leigh's son, Will. "We look forward to their 'hand-me-ups!'" says Leigh.

From Birmingham, AL, **Janet Keys '78** writes, "Miss Munck was absent from creative writing class one day. She was ill. On her desk, as my faded memory recalls, stood a gingko branch in a vase. We were supposed to write about it or be inspired by it. Years passed before I learned from that exercise – and others. I got it! Thank you, Miss Munck."

Mary McMillan Mancin '78 of Bartow, GA, writes: "Congratulations on the Spring/Summer issue of the *Wesleyan Magazine*. It is the most attractive and readable yet. I loved the layout, the color, the human interest stories – in short, I couldn't put it down! Looking forward to the next one!"

Karen McKinney Renner '78 of Bon Aqua, TN, says, "I hit the landmark for the Big 50 on Christmas of '06. YIKES! I've taught yoga for 13 years and find it very rewarding. My husband Ron's contracting business is doing very well. Step-son Scott (26) safely completed four years in the Marine Corps and step-son Jason (24) just graduated with a biology degree and plans for grad school."

Class of 1992 15th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Angie Cashin Hutchinson, Mary Marcia McMahan Winfrey, Diane Hayhue Johnson, Becky Joslin Croft. **Row 2:** Cynthia Costello Busbee, Ginger Eckmann Nolan, Amy Burch Cassell, Kristen Olsen Palmer. **Row 3:** Hazel Varnedoe Margelli, Candy Dickerson Cannon, Louisa Waters Hightower, Heather Birkhead King, Tracy Boyd Awbrey.



Cathy Bradach Rockoff '78 of Woodstock, GA, is proud of her daughter, Michele, who graduated from the Georgia Tech College of Architecture in August 2006 at the top of her class!

"Our son, Bill, received his master of music degree in saxophone performance from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in May. He looks forward to teaching music in New England. Our daughter, Wendy, will return to school in pharmacy tech this fall," writes **Lynne Anthoine Hueglin '79** from Roanoke, VA.

Faculty member and Chair of the Wesleyan College Music Department, **Nadine Cheek Whitney '79**, mezzo-soprano, performed at the Douglass Theatre in downtown Macon in June. Pianist **Susan Thigpen McDuffie '53** and other musicians joined Nadine for "A Cabaret at the Douglass" that featured an evening of popular jazz and Broadway tunes in a concert sponsored by MidSummer Macon.

1980s

Maconite **Sara Griffin Landry '80** reports that her grandson, Benjamin Mason Perkins, married Sally Gordon Haskell in a beautiful ceremony at Christ Church in Savannah, GA, where they both practice law.

Jeanne Luke Longerbeam '80 of Cumming, GA, started an entertainment company and talent agency this past summer. *Singers Unlimited* performed their first show in August. "Liars, Lovers, and Cheats" - an evening of Sondheim - played at the Kudzu Playhouse in Roswell with a guest appearance by *Variations*, a professional women's trio that Jeanne founded in 2006. The company provides entertainment for hire at conventions, hotels, private parties, and fundraisers.

Jo Cheezem Abney '81 of Sugar Hill, GA, received her M.A. in psychology with a specialty in counseling in 2004 and is now eligible as a Board Certified

Counselor. "I went to Japan for two weeks to visit my daughter, Sylvia, who is a junior at Wesleyan (a Pirate, like her mother). Sylvia spent two semesters at Osaka University in an exchange program called OUSSEP. Wesleyan is one of only about six colleges in the US that participates in this program but Sylvia lived in an international dormitory with students from all over the globe. It took a great deal of self-confidence for Sylvia to live on her own in Japan from September '06 until August '07; I could not be more proud of her!" writes Jo.

Elizabeth Reed Puckett '81 of Macon is currently serving as secretary on the board of trustees of the Middle Georgia Library.

Donna Lynn Woods '81 spent two weeks in Japan with **Jo Cheezem Abney '81** who was visiting her Class of '09 daughter and tour sister Pirate, Sylvia Abney. "I'm continuing to craft and plant apple trees for 'The Orchard at Drumlow' in anticipation of making our 'Rocky Bencider.' Life is good in Eureka Springs, AK."

1982 (25th Reunion)

Class president and reunion chair **Susan Holloway** and committee members **Patti Stanukinos McCullough**, **Lisa DiMuro Gosnell**, and **Susan Dempsey** (class liaison), led the "parade of purple" at the silver anniversary of the Class of 1982. With 25 years of stories to share, PKs dined on memories and more at a special Friday night dinner held at The Back Burner Restaurant. On Saturday night classmates enjoyed more "sweet" memories at a dessert party held at the Residence Inn.

Happily married for 19 years and the mother of four boys (boo-hoo no Wesleyannes!), **Jenny Houser Chapin '82** of Norcross, GA, has been practicing law with the same firm for 21 years but is slowing down a bit to keep up with her boys' activities. She is a cubmaster for a local Cub Scout Pack, is heavily involved

in church activities and fund-raising, and has been active in lots of PTAs.

In Kennesaw, GA, **Abbyjane Walker Eller '82** is a music and choral teacher at Midway Covenant Christian School and teaches private piano lessons.

Rhonda Helton Hambright '82 of St. Simons Island, GA, was unable to attend reunion due to her husband's illness and her mother-in-law's death. Her husband, Harland, has been battling cancer of the right neck lymph node since March. Son Joe graduated from high school and son Ben spent time at Boy Scout Camp, while Harland's son, Hank, is working for Asplundh trimming trees. According to Rhonda, "the gift of cancer is that heightened intensity of life that comes to you in so many ways. I wouldn't wish it on anyone - however, if it comes to you or your family, get ready for a depth of love and understanding that surpasses any experience in your life. Love is all you need."

It's official! Don and **Mary Ellen Skowronek Sutphin '82** are empty-nesters, living in NW Raleigh, NC. Daughter Rebecca is a sophomore at UNC-Wilmington. Mary Ellen works as a technical support supervisor of government contracts at Experimental Pathology Laboratories, Inc.

Wanda Ferguson Watson '83 writes from East Point, GA, "My daughter, Adrienne Warlick, is a sophomore at Wesleyan. Ironically, I was a Golden Heart; now Adrienne has been named by her PK class to be the "Golden Heart Advocate" for next year's incoming freshmen during LINK, which is a variation on the theme of what we once called Rat Week. Boy, life really does come full circle, doesn't it?"

Laura Reynolds '85 is now **Laura Breazeale**. Married to Charles Breazeale in February 2007, Laura lives in Elko, GA, a part of Houston County that hasn't yet turned into the suburbs. "With his four children and my six, we keep pretty busy these days," writes Laura. (See *Marriages*.)

1987 (20th Reunion)

Golden Hearts of 1987 returned to celebrate 20 years of sisterhood with reunion co-chairs **Lisa Shivelor** and **Donna Waites Terrill**. The Wingate Inn served as the backdrop for Friday night "on your own" activities. Then on Saturday, **Lisa Morgan Edwards** greeted classmates at her home for an evening of "catch-me-up-to-date" conversations and good food - with special help from **Vera Peters Williams**. With husbands in tow, classmates enjoyed viewing photos, old and new, including those in the freshman GH "Baby Book" and class *Veterropts*!

Karol Cheng '87 gives her belated condolences to the families of Dr. Quiambao and Miss Munck. "I will always remember Dr. Quiambao's hospitality, especially to foreign students. I still remember my very first bite of Phillipine food at Dr. Quiambao's house. Miss Munck never gave foreign students easier tasks just because we didn't speak good English. She was strict but kind." Karol works in insurance sales in Taiwan.

Betty Greene Grogan '87 earned an MBA degree in human resources management and works for Miller Brewing Company in Milwaukee, WI, as a learning-development manager. She and husband, Pat, have two four-legged children and are foster parents for a cocker spaniel rescue organization.

Rita Delaney Harris '87 of Portland, OR, celebrated her 91st birthday on May 11, 2007. Thirteen family members, including three grandchildren and their spouses and four great grandchildren, attended the festivities. Rita enjoyed visiting with **President Ruth Knox**, and others participating in the 2007 Leadership Institute. She especially enjoyed seeing art professor Libby Bailey.

Her recent promotion to vice-president of sales and marketing for McKibbin Hotel Management, Inc.,



Class of 1997 10th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Teresa Lawson, Mary Mitchell McKinnon (holding flag), Rachel Viets Fortuna, Carrie Herndon. **Row 2:** Beth Hitt Rogers, Kara Bollmeier Jagger, Wendy Lazzaro. **Row 3:** Suzanne Spooner Faulk, Monica Hilley Crawford, Suzanne Grigsby Wieschorster, Lisa Waterman.

where she has worked for 11 years, has made **Lynn Lasseter Prater '87** of Lutz, FL, one of two women vice-presidents in the company.

"I met my husband, Greg Presley, at the wedding of **Lynn Lasseter Prater '87**. We have recently moved back south to Franklin, TN, and have five children: Macy (11), Tori (10), Grace-Abbi (6), Grant (4) and Graham (2). I started law school this fall," writes **Lucretia Murphy Presley '87**.

Terri Futch Blocker '89 sent a quick 18-year life review. "After receiving my A.B. in early childhood education, I married Adrian Blocker of Glennville, GA, in June 1989. I designed a plan for our brick home. Upon moving in, our family began to grow - Dan (13), Drew (10), and Tori (7) complete our family. I have my master's degree in early childhood education from Georgia Southern University. I teach fifth grade science at Reidsville Elementary," reports Terri.

Through the work of twin sisters, **Linda Sanders O'Brien '89** and **Jeanie Sanders Gilmer '89**, a hospice house in Greenville, SC, has become a reality. Motivated by the memory of their mother, **Sally Fambrough Sanders '55**, who lost her battle with cancer in 2001, Linda and Jeanie helped to spearhead a capital campaign that raised \$8 million dollars in less than 40 months to make the McCall Hospice House of Greenville the first of its kind in Greenville County. Before her death, their mother's wish was to die in a hospice house surrounded by people she loved, but there was no such house near her home. Now, the twins' labor of love will benefit nearly 400 patients annually. The 37,059 square-foot private room facility, run by a 40-person staff, opened this summer and is "God's house, not ours," say Linda and Jeanie. Their sister, **Sally Sanders Jones '82** of Spanish Fort, AL, is also proud of their efforts.

1990s

Macon's **June Jordan O'Neal '90** is the executive director of The Mentors Project of Bibb County, a program that provides adult role models for disadvantaged students. She and her husband, Hank, participate as mentors in the program designed to reduce the dropout rate and empower young people. A profile of June and her work appeared in the summer edition of *Belle* magazine.

Helen Reed Warner '90 lives in Millbrook, AL, where she serves on active duty as Maxwell A.F.B.'s deputy sexual assault response coordinator. She is married with two daughters, Madeline (10) and Kaylie (7).

Cassie Marie Constable, daughter of Chris and **Melissa Malone Constable '91**, of Pawleys Island, SC, celebrated her first birthday in July. Family members attended the fun beach party birthday, including grandmother **Nedra Martin Malone '65** of Macon.

▲ 1992 (15th Reunion)

Reunion was "Great and Green" for members of the Class of 1992, thanks to reunion chair **Heather Birkhead King**. Green Knights gathered for a 15 year "check in" at the home of class party hostess **Cyndey Costello Busbee** on Saturday for an evening of special treats, including chocolate delicacies from Macon's newest confectionary, Xocolatl Gourmet. **Jenee DeChant** also offered a helping hand. Cyndey is the new Class E-rep; please stay connected with her at busbee.cynthia@mccg.org!

Juli Root Acree '92 of Acworth, GA, graduated with a second B.S. in CET from Southern Polytechnic in April 2004 then she married Richard "David" Acree in May 2004. Their son, Jonathan Elijah "Eli" Acree, arrived in March 2006 and now they are expecting a second child. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Still celebrating the birth of their son in October 2006, Tom and **Candy Dickerson Cannon '92** of Dacula, GA, say Adam Joseph is the "light and joy of our lives."

Anne Cordeiro '92 missed the reunion because it coincided with a graduate school presentation. She lives in Midway, GA, and is working toward a master's degree in liberal and professional studies with a focus in leadership at Armstrong State Atlantic University.

Rev. Jennifer Johnson '92 and her husband have moved to Ashland, KY, where Mark is finishing his Ph.D. and working at Ashland Community and Technical College. Jennifer enjoys spending time with her children, Calvin (5) and Adrianna (4).

MaryStewart Glendenning Lewis '92 sends "Green Knight Greetings" to her classmates from Signal Mountain, TN. "Sorry to have missed the reunion but I was in the hospital with the birth of my second son, Benjamin Cooper. I went back to work in August - I am an account manager with AT&T Business Systems in Chattanooga, where I have worked for eight years. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Karin Fulford Smithson '92 and Joe celebrated their first anniversary in August and happily reside in the Buckhead area of Atlanta with their Golden Retriever, Savannah. Karin is finishing her Ph.D. in counseling at Georgia State University and is a counselor at The Anxiety and Stress Management Institute in Atlanta.

"My husband, David, and I are parents to a wonderful baby boy, James David "Jake," born in June 2006. We thoroughly enjoy being parents and are richly blessed. I am now a stay-at-home mom," writes **Mary Marcia McMahan Winfrey '92** from Louisville, KY. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Melissa Bell '93 of McDonough, GA, is the 2006-2007 Teacher of the Year at Stockbridge High School. Melissa is the graduation coordinator

and has been a classroom English and drama teacher since 1995. She previously served as chairman of the English Department, along with taking on a multitude of other tasks, such as directing theatre productions and serving as timekeeper at basketball games. **Diane Mayhue Johnson '92** of Covington, GA, says that Melissa, who was voted the 1993 Wesleyan Woman of Success, is truly "a consummate professional, a knowledgeable instructor, and an inspiration to numerous young people."

Shannon McCourt Carton '94 of Brielle, N.J. is a busy mom these days. She gave birth to twin daughters, Elizabeth and Kaitlyn in June. Big brothers Kevin (5) and Sean (3) are proud of their little sisters and future Wesleyanettes! (See *Births*.)

Macon Magazine's annual "Five Under Forty" young leaders recognition included **Heather Shaver Evans '94**, who is active in many phases of volunteer work in the city. A member of the Junior League of Macon, Heather serves on the boards of Bragg Jam (past president) and Historic Macon, where she is events co-chair and Young Preservationist chair. She is involved in Special Olympics, Project Read, Tubman African American Museum, Middle Georgia Sport Horse Association, and United States Dressage Federation, when she's not busy working as a district sales manager for a pharmaceuticals company and taking care of her daughter.

Katie Cain Johnson '94 of Altoona, AL, teaches English at Jacksonville State University, where she also completed a graduate degree. Katie pays tribute to her mentors at Wesleyan, "Dr. Crisp, I want to say thank you for your dedication to your students, classes, and to Wesleyan. I would not be the effective teacher that I am today without excellent professors like you, Dr. Mettler, and Dr. Oost. You modeled teaching strategies that I use today, but most importantly, you displayed a caring and posi-

Class of 2002 5th reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Vida Olivares, Natalie Puckett Evans, Saralyn Stewart, Catherine O'Kelley Fore, Calessa Wells, Chrissy Miner. **Row 2:** Megan Beene, Jody Swink, Alaina Garcia Steele, Laurie Gibson, Megan Temple Golden, Amanda Smith Burnett, Melissa Williams. **Row 3:** Kris Mayrhofer, Crystal Rogers Cheyney, Bria Andrew, Taylor Johnson, Amy Hicks, Andrea Clark, Beth Williford. **Row 4:** Erin James, Ebony Roberts, Kathryn Marshall Wilcher, Nikki Bradshaw, April Prince.



tive attitude that motivates students to excel. Thank you for your contributions to the success of many Wesleyan women over the years."

Michelle Arauz McKeen '94 has moved to Decatur, GA, and works at Sun Trust Banks, Inc., as first vice president and counsel for legal and regulatory affairs. Her three year-old son, Nicholas, also keeps her busy.

Congratulations to **Betty I-May Lo '95** of Mableton, GA, who accepted a position as senior manager, communications with The McDonald's Division of The Coca-Cola Company. This summer she co-chaired the annual convention of the National Association of Asian American Professionals in Atlanta, where she was responsible for sponsorship, marketing/PR, design, web and technology. Betty is also expecting her first child in November.

Show your support to **Valeret Collins '96**, who is in Iraq with the Navy until October 2007. Email her at vhcollins@gmail.com!

"I absolutely loved the *Wesleyan Magazine* article about my friend, **Deidra West Smith '96**. It was exciting to see a feature about a relatively young Wesleyanne. Reverend Hurdle makes a great "cover boy," emails **Aimee Morris Lashley '96** of Macon.

Mandy Smith '96 has moved to Harmony, MN, where she serves as pastor to the Harmony and Lanesboro United Methodist Churches. She was also commissioned as a probationary member of the Minnesota Annual Conference which means, says Mandy, "that I am just one step away from being fully ordained!"

▲ 1997 (10th Reunion)

Reunion co-chairs **Stephanie Pate Lewis** and **Suzanne Spooner-Faulk** set the course for Pirates of 1997 who set sail for Wesleyan. Amidst hugs and hoopla, classmates made time for sharing treasured "red" memories at Logan's

Roadhouse on Friday. Local entertainment park Starcadia was the venue for Saturday night's "family affair," where classmates, spouses, and children played miniature golf, rode go-carts, and added new memories to the Pirate's treasure chest. Reunion phone committee members **Suzanne Grigsby Wieschorster**, **Beth Hitt Rogers**, and **Mary Mitchell McKinnon** (perpetual class flag bearer) kept Pirates connected by land and by sea, while **Carrie Herndon** helped to present the class gift at the annual meeting.

Kathrine Bailey '97 has relocated to Clarksville, TN, where she works as the multimedia specialist for distance education. She is pioneering podcasting and MMOG work in online education. She announces the birth of her son, Tobias Alexander Bailey-Robinson, in January. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

She's happily married to Tony (4 years) and loves her job as a song plugger at Tom-Leis Music in Nashville, TN, says **Suzanne Spooner Faulk '97**. "Be on the lookout for two of our songwriters/artists, Sarah Buxton on Lyric Records and Brandon Kinney on Capitol Records."

"I work for Cerrilliant Corporation, a manufacturer of analytical reference standards. My current position is involved with testing and monitoring the stability of the active pharmaceutical ingredients," reports **Kara Bollmeier Jagger '97** from Austin, TX.

"I bought a house in Mount Juliet, TN, five years ago. I have two pugs and great neighbors," writes **Teresa Lawson '97** who works as an IT manager of ten staff at HCA, the Healthcare Company.

"Our family moved to Denham Springs, LA, in January 2007, where my husband, Ray, works at the historic Hilton Capitol Center in Baton Rouge (the reason for our move)," writes **Joy Joyner Logan '97**. Joy stays at home with her two children, Emma Elizabeth (2 1/2) and Carter Allen (15 months).

She lives in a subdivision for the first time in her life and is still involved with horses, bringing her three year-old Morgan colt, Sonny, to Louisiana. Emma and Carter share their mother's love of horses!

Beth Hitt Rogers '97 is still on track to finish her Ph.D. in mathematics education at Georgia State in 2008. She and husband David live in Marietta, GA, and expect their first child in October.

In August 2007, **Angela Lamkins '98** of Duluth, GA, earned an MBA degree from Argosy University. Angela writes, "I left Wesleyan after one year as a PK and continued studies at the University of Central Florida, where I received a bachelor's degree."

Classmates **Bianca Venuto Towler '98**, **Amity Bibler '98**, and **Amanda Allen '98** met in West Palm Beach, FL, during Memorial Day weekend to celebrate the upcoming arrival of **Julie Houston Trieste's '98** baby girl. "We enjoyed hanging out by the Trieste family pool and eating fresh seafood," writes Bianca, whose own son, Elden Lee, was born in January. His middle name was given in honor of Bianca's late mother, Linda Lee Venuto. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

"My husband, Aaron, and I welcomed our first child, Avery Megan Trieste, on July 10, 2007. Before her birth, fellow PKs **Alanda Hermann James**, **Amanda Allen**, **Bianca Venuto Towler**, and **Amity Bibler** attended the baby shower. Upon learning that we were having a baby girl, my husband declared, 'Well, we know where she's going to college!'" writes **Julie Houston Trieste '98** from Wellington, FL (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Missy Ryan '98 is the new senior director of development at the College of Business and Behavioral Science at Clemson University in South Carolina.

Our apologies to **Jennifer Cameron '99** of Macon, who was misidentified as **Jennifer Cameron Haygood '06** in the *Sympathy* section of the Spring/

Summer issue of *Wesleyan Magazine*.

Michael and **Amanda Marine Evans '99** live in Suwanee, GA, and expected their first baby in mid-September. Her Wesleyan classmates and bridesmaids at her wedding, **Dana S. Karstensen-Bryan '99** (Pacific Grove, CA), **Carrie Walker Dumm '99** (Senoia, GA) and **Sarah Marshall Nester '99** (New Port Richey, FL), are excited to be new "aunts." (See *Marriages*.)

2000s

"She's a peach of a volunteer." That's how an article in the *Telegraph* describes **Beth Redding Cleveland '00**, who is chair of the board of Peach County Chamber of Commerce in Fort Valley, GA. The interior designer turned full-time minister of music turned business manager of husband David's company, Cleveland Tree Farms, Inc., is leading the way to promote and revitalize her city. With a degree in interior design from UGA and a degree in voice performance from Wesleyan, Beth is singing the praises of her city everywhere she goes. Beth also has four children: Emma (19), Tom (18), Cleve (15) and Will (15).

Hannah Callender '01 graduated from Vanderbilt with a Ph.D. in mathematics. Hannah has moved to Minneapolis, MN, where she will begin a postdoctoral research position at the Institute for Mathematics and its Applications (IMA) on the University of Minnesota campus, and continue her research in mathematical biology.

Jwanya Smith Dillinger '01 and her husband live in Bonaire, GA. They both received MBA degrees from Georgia College and State University, and are studying to become warranted government contracting officers.

Columbus, GA, resident **Laretha Lockhart '01** currently practices dentistry as an associate in the private practice of Dr. Isaac Hadley Dental Office.



Class of 2006 1st reunion

(L to R) **Row 1:** Danielle Sawtell, MariaKristina Stanley, Jaime McQuilin, Jenna Miller Jones, Allyssa Green. **Row 2:** Petrona Salmon, Lauren Hamblin, Jas'min Shy, Amy Smith Heaton, Parrish Smotherman, Bonnie Stancel Duncan. **Row 3:** Paige M. Carter, Rachel O'Neal, Amy Fletcher, Melanie Reed, Stephanie Kanady, Rosie Harrington, Suzzi Biller.

2002 (5th Reunion)

Class reunion co-chairs, **Catherine O'Kelley Fore** and **Megan Temple Golden**, planned for a "Cinco de PK" weekend that included a party at El Azteca on Saturday night. After margaritas and more, the festivities continued at Catherine's home, where classmates were treated to dessert. Hot topics of conversation at the late night "five-year-catch-up" sisterhood sessions were all about career, family and, of course, all things purple; including the dedication of their reunion class gift to Reverend Hurdle at the annual meeting.

Natalie Puckett Evans '02 of McDonough, GA, accepted a position with the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, after having worked in Wesleyan's office of advancement since graduation. She will serve as director of Women's Legacy, a program that mobilizes women as powerful philanthropists through leadership, fundraising, and advocacy. Natalie was sad to leave her Wesleyan family after nine years on campus.

Catherine O'Kelley Fore '02 has moved to Chattanooga, TN, where she and her husband, Brooke, have both accepted new positions. Brooke works for Erlanger Hospital as a systems analyst and Catherine works for Ganz, Inc. as a gift and accessories sales representative. The new job gets her out from behind a desk! "I'll work mainly in Chattanooga, but will have a few of the outlying cities. I think my favorite part might be the great product discount! Start buying Ganz products to keep me employed!"

Amy Hicks '02 of Altamonte Springs, FL, is working toward a master's degree in educational leadership and administration from Jones International University.

Stephanie Newell '02 of Newnan, GA, graduated in May from Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville with a Juris Doctor degree with certification in environmental law.

Supriya Reddy '02 has built and purchased her first home in Birmingham, AL. She works at the University of Alabama at Birmingham as a coordinator for an NIH grant that focuses on reducing drinking and driving among college students. Supriya also completed her first year as a doctoral student in health education/health promotion at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.

In July, **Abbie Brannon '03** moved to Cedar Rapids, IA, where she works for United Way. She is also planning for her October 2007 wedding in Texas. Abbie did work for Wesleyan since graduation as the former director of advancement services.

Toyosi Fatunase '03 graduated from Duke University medical school in May 2007. She will continue at Duke University Hospital to complete her residency in internal medicine.

LaKeisha Lowe '03 of Macon graduated in May 2007 from Augusta State University in Augusta, GA. She received a master of public administration degree with honors and was inducted into the master of public administration's honor society, Phi Alpha Alpha, and completed her thesis paper with distinction.

Nicki Leigh Neufeld '03 has joined the faculty of First Presbyterian Day School in Macon to teach AP Biology. For the past three years, Nicki Leigh worked at Wesleyan as senior admission counselor.

Hope McMichael Pendergrass '03 of Macon obtained her CPA license and was promoted to senior accountant with Mauldin & Jenkins, CPAs.

"I just completed my master's degree in education with a concentration in Montessori education from Loyola College in Maryland," writes **Christine Harness Thompson '03**, of Kennesaw, GA.

"I finished my graduate work at Wheaton College in May 2007 with an M.A. in Christian formation and ministry, and certificate in leadership and outdoor ministry. Since graduation, I have spent the past three months in Costa Rica working with Young

Life/Vida Joven organization. Now, I am back in the Atlanta area working and preparing for the "next step," whether that is going on full-time international staff with Young Life, or teaching or working on year-round camp staff somewhere," reports **Megan Odom '04**.

Sheree Sharpe '04 graduated with a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Georgia in May 2007 and she also received the outstanding graduate teaching assistant award. Sheree will attend The University of Miami in fall 2007 to pursue a doctoral degree in mathematics education.

David and Jennifer Lindsey Bryant '05 announce the birth of their son, Parker David Bryant, in March 2007. Jennifer is member services coordinator of the Oconee Electrical Membership Cooperative and lives in Dexter, GA. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Elizabeth Cassels '05 returned to her hometown in Lakeland, FL, where she teaches third grade at Bartow Elementary Academy. Reminiscing, she says that when she first stepped onto the Wesleyan campus she found what she was looking for. "My Wesleyan years challenged me academically and provided the opportunity to meet people from around the world. People often ask me how I liked going to a women's college. I always reply, 'It wasn't always easy, but I wouldn't trade my friendships and memories for anything'."

A profile of Macon artist **Darlene Rutland Murphy '05** appeared in the July 2007 issue of *M Food and Culture Magazine*. The article traces her career from a Wesleyan non-traditional art student to a participant in UGA's Studies Abroad Art Program, where she studied in Italy. The talented mother of two states that "art saves lives" and hers was saved at Wesleyan, where she double majored in advertising and marketing communication and studio art. Darlene put off college for years and pushed her artistic talents to the side while she worked various office jobs

and raised her children. After coming to a crossroads in her life, she knew it was time for college and says "Wesleyan was perfect for my needs. I owe much to professors Frances de La Rosa and Libby Bailey." Darlene and her artwork can be found at the Middle Georgia Art Association's ArtZone Gallery.

Monycia Everett Noblin '05 of Hinesville, GA, (Fort Stewart) was deployed to Iraq this fall for a 15-month tour of duty as a medic in the army. Email her at soccer7baby@msn.com to show your support! (See *Marriages*.)

Miranda Defore Nolen '05 of Eight Mile, AL, received her M.H.S. degree in physician assistant studies from the University of Alabama in July 2007. She also married Ryan Nolen in December 2006. (See *Marriages*.)

Erin Rooney '05 of Pine Lake, GA, received her master's degree in genetic counseling from Northwestern University and now works at Emory University's department of human genetics as a pediatric genetic counselor and as part of their Lysosomal Storage Disease Center. She married Chris Riggs, brother of **Katie Riggs '05** (Madison, AL) in May. Bridesmaids included Katie, **Carmen Valdez '06** (Hialeah, FL), **Stephanie Samuels '05** (Lowell, MA), and **Ashling Thurmond '05** (Washington, D.C.) with other Wesleyan in attendance. (See *Marriages*.)

Ashling Thurmond '05 received a master's degree in public policy in May 2007 from American University in Washington, D.C. She continues as the executive assistant to Congressman Tom Tancredo.

Kristin Williams '05 completed her master's degree in accountancy at the University of Washington and began a job at KPMG in September 2006. She never dreamed she would be working for a big four firm. She thanks Dr. Dod, Dr. Taylor, and Dr. Twombly for their impact on her life and career.

ON CALL IN LIBERIA. Sylvia Gonsahn '06 is a second year grad student at George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. This summer Sylvia spent time in Liberia conducting a research project at the University of Liberia in West Africa, working at the ELWA Clinic, and observing operations performed by Dr. Dennis, chief surgeon at John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital. "This trip was even more meaningful to me because I am a first generation Liberian-American; both of my parents are originally from there. After visiting my parents' homeland for the first time, a country that has been ravished by 14 years of civil war, I was grateful for the opportunity to contribute to Liberia in my own small way," reports Sylvia.



2006 (1st Reunion)

Class President **Lauren Hamblin** and her reunion committee, led by other class officers **Rosie Harrington**, **Petrona Salmon**, and **Parrish Smotherman**, paved the way for a fun-filled *WESLEYAN FIRST* reunion. PKs shared all the latest news at a get-together held at **Ashley Stavran's** home on Friday night. Following the Saturday soccer game, they met for a Louisiana-style dinner at Parrish Smotherman's home. Late night conversations continued on Saturday at local downtown destinations.

Members of the Class of 2006 can always get together for a "House Party" now that **Suzzi Biller**, **Amy Fletcher**, and **Jas'min Shy** have bought houses in Macon!

Rachel Elaine Brown '06 of Lizella, GA, married Mathew Lee Mosely of Bolingbroke, GA. She is employed by the CPA firm of McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Co., LLP. (See *Marriages*.)

Atlanta resident **Stephanie Dunbar '06** manages the fleet of MACTEC, Inc.

Kim Elliott '06 continues her studies at the University of Florida, where she is pursuing a Ph.D. in health services research policy and management.

Allyssa Green '06 works for United Cerebral Palsy in Macon.

Class President **Lauren Hamblin '06** reports that many 2006 grads in Macon meet on Sundays for "PK Potluck." Lauren works as the marketing and communications manager for Greater Macon Chamber of Commerce.

Rosemary M. Harrington '06 finished the first year of courses for her master's degree in French at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. She began teaching classes this summer.

Brandon and **Amy Smith Heaton '06** live in Athens, GA, and celebrated their first anniversary in September 2007. Amy also started law school at UGA this fall. She thanks Dean Crisp for all of his help and encouragement.

Jason and **Jenna Miller Jones '06** are new parents of a future Wesleyanne (Pirate of '29), Wimberly Kathryn Jones, who was born on July 7, 2007. Jenna works as the director of Regional Community Center, Inc., where she manages operations of the Grady Cultural Center and Zebulon Theater in Cairo, GA. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Shen and **Lynne Davis Liska '06** celebrated their first anniversary in August 2007.

Maconite **Amy Moore Martin '06** gave birth in April to a beautiful, red-headed boy named Connor. Amy also works as the financial aid counselor at Wesleyan. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

Melanie Reed '06 of Rex, GA, is a law student at the University of Georgia and looks forward to having **Amy Smith Heaton '06** join her on campus this fall.

Petrona Salmon '06 lives in Macon and is the residence life coordinator at Wesleyan.

Danielle Sawtell '06 of Dallas, TX, is traveling the world as a production manager with Excitement Technologists Group.

Parrish Smotherman '06 works as a Spanish teacher at Stratford Academy and will perform in *Wait Until Dark* at Theatre Macon.

Angie Ande '07 of Warner Robins, GA, works at Wesleyan as an assistant systems administrator in Computer Information Resources. As a student, she assisted the CIR department.

Cameron Beasley '07 lives in Macon and works for Peach Commercial Properties.

Sarah Kathryn Bragg '07 lives in Atlanta, where she is working on a master's degree in taxation at Georgia State University. She is also an intern at BDO Seidman. (See *Sympathy*.)

Jennifer Dean '07 is a second grade teacher at Cogburn Woods Elementary School in Alpharetta, GA.

ReKita DeShazier '07 lives in Macon and teaches at Morgan Elementary School.

Materra Drafts '07 resides in Macon and is a manager at Walgreens.

Union Elementary School in Macon has a new 4th grade teacher, **Chantelle Duncan '07**.

Melinda Fitzgerald '07 is a kindergarten teacher in the Bibb County public school system.

Serena Gibbs '07 lives in Lizella, GA, and works as an underwriter for GEICO.

Shannon Haggins '07 teaches at McKibben Lane Elementary School in Macon.

Maconite **Lauren Holliday '07** is working on her master's degree in church music/collaborative piano at Mercer University. She also teaches private piano at Mikado Music Academy.

Every year, the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards 40 Awards of Excellence (of \$2,000) each to members entering the first year of graduate or professional study. Congratulations to **Yuliya Ivanova '07**, who is a 2007 recipient and grad student at the University of Iowa, where she is working on an MBA.

Jennifer Jenkins '07 of Forsyth, GA, teaches 3rd grade at T.G. Scott.

Alysia Johnson '07 stayed in Macon to attend Mercer University and study public health.

Working on a post-baccalaureate degree in studio art, **Kourtney Johnson '07** has moved to Massachusetts to study at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Jenny Keene '07 works for Nichols, Cauley & Associates in Dublin, GA, as an assistant firm administrator.

Chelsea Lalla '07 is the public relations and events coordinator at Fickling and Company in Macon.

Miya Lewis '07 is taking a year off before going to law school. She is working as a legal assistant in Macon at the law office of Mike Cranford and teaches dance in the evening.

In Augusta, GA, **Lauren C. Mitchell '07** is a first year med student at the Medical College of Georgia.

The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) has a new grad student. **Jennifer Robinson '07** is working on an MFA degree in photography.

Sonya Shannon '07 was recognized nationally as a 2007 VITA Wireless Samaritan by The Wireless Foundation in Washington D.C. As one of only 50 individuals from across the U.S. chosen each year for using wireless technology in emergency situations, Sonya was recognized for aiding a man whose car veered off the road in front of her while she was commuting to Wesleyan. She provided CPR through the wireless guidance of emergency personnel at the 9-1-1 number she dialed until paramedics arrived on the scene. After Shannon's heroism inspired thousands locally, her story reached officials in D.C. Sonya lives Atlanta, where she is a grad student at Kennesaw State University working on a master's degree in conflict management.

Kelly Stringer '07 is a tour guide at the Cannonball House in Macon.

Mary Tolle '07 is a first year law student at Mercer University in Macon.

In Warner Robins, GA, **Katharine Whatley '07** works for Werner Enterprises in customer service management.

Cindy White '07 of Forsyth, GA, is a financial representative at Citigroup.

Jasmin Williams '07 is a fourth grade teacher in Macon.

Rachel Hood Wilson '07 lives in Macon, where she is a management analyst/consultant for Bearing Point Consulting Firm.

Anne-Kathrin Witt '07 lives in Munich, Germany, where she is working on her Ph.D. in biochemistry at the Max Planck Research School IMPRS. She also received a national scholarship from Mortar Board.



NEW DIRECTIONS. Recently promoted to program and management assistant at the U. S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), Technical Services Group, **Nikkii L. Hatcher MBA '04 (Cohort IV)** of Macon says that Wesleyan's EMBA program was definitely a step in the right direction for a brighter future. Nikki's new position requires her to do more analytical and quantitative research and report development for the Information Technology Center in Macon that serves a nationwide population of more than 8 million people. "The quantitative methods and financial management courses from the Wesleyan MBA curriculum were a big help in qualifying me for this promotion. I also gained new leadership and communication skills by completing assignments and making oral presentations on real-life business situations," writes Nikkii.

Graduate Class Notes

COHORT I

"The sky is the limit!" exclaims Maconite **Patricia Faulk Duncan, MBA '02** who opened Wonderland Support Services, L.L.C. in April 2007. Wonderland provides legal and identity theft plans as an employee benefit for small businesses, commercial drivers, law enforcement officers, foster parents, individuals and families, for a small monthly fee. Other services include monthly networking breakfasts for small businesses via conference call with retired NFL player Fran Tarkenton and networking luncheons for women. Patricia also works as a cardiac registered nurse and is a co-authoring two books being released in 2008 entitled *The Young Man's Guide to Personal Success and Emotional Wellness for Women*, both sponsored by the Professional Woman Network of Kentucky. She has been selected to serve on the 2008 Professional Women Network Advisory Board in negotiation with The Oprah Winfrey Show!

COHORT III

Delores Walker-Burke '98, MBA '04 returned to school to receive a bachelor's degree, and then also earned her MBA from Wesleyan. Then, she became certified in instructional design so that she could re-create a previous business. Dynamic Marketing Research, Delores' brainchild, develops training modules for the corporate environment that include human relations service, diversity, team dynamics, change management, train the trainer workshops, as well as custom modules based on the needs of her clients, which include the Department of Family and Children's Services and the Department of Juvenile Justice among others. Her business motto is to "Find Solutions Today for Tomorrow's Problems." A member of the American Society for Training and Development, and listed in *Who's Who Executive and Professional Women*, Delores is writing a book that will be published next year

entitled, *The Un-Friendship*, an analytical approach on how to recognize and overcome challenging friendships.

COHORT IV

Keith Moffett, MBA '04 campaigned for a seat on Macon City Council, Post 1, Ward 1. Keith is a Navy veteran, who served on two Trident submarines, a graduate of Leadership Macon and Leadership Georgia. He works with United Way, 100 Black Men and Crisis Line.

Sonya Rice, MBA '04 was promoted to retail manager in January 2007 after 10 years with the *Telegraph*.

COHORT VII

Vicki Marumbi, MBA '06 has been promoted to asset manager/process leader at GE/IKON Financial Solutions. She reports directly to the general manager and is responsible for a large management team, covering collections, buyouts, and customer contracts. Vicki was the commencement speaker for Cohort X (Wesleyan's only all female cohort) in June 2007 and is the daughter of one of the Cohort X graduates, **Cynthia Anderson, MBA '07**.

American Tanning and Leather, the family business of **Christy Plott Redd, MBA '06** was recently featured in an article in the *AJC*.

COHORT IX

Willette Hill Chambliss, MBA '07 campaigned to keep her Post 1 Ward IV seat on Macon City Council.

COHORT X

Amy Harrelson MBA '07 of Dublin has been promoted to the work ready/continuing education coordinator for Heart of Georgia Technical College.

Sonja Jenkins, MBA '07 of Warner Robins, GA, is the new registrar at Middle Georgia Technical College. Sonja taught there for eight years before moving into this position.

Welcome to the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association Board of Managers

2007-2010 MEMBER-AT-LARGE FOR NOMINATIONS

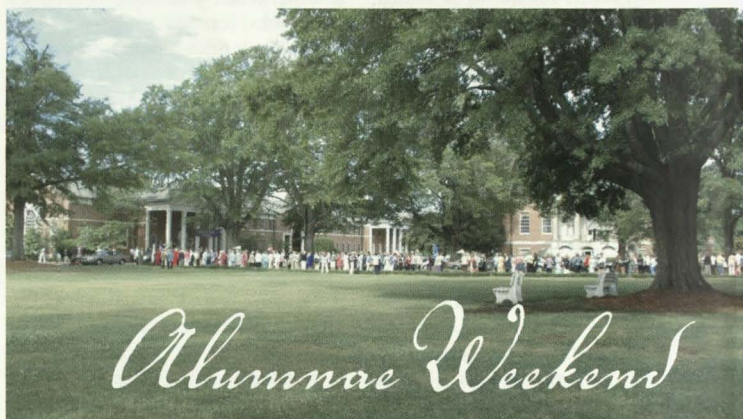


Missy Ryan '98, Smyrna, Georgia

Advanced Degree: MPA, Georgia State University
Occupation: Senior Director for Development, College of Business and Behavioral Science, Clemson University.

Alumnae Activities: Parliamentarian and Immediate Past President, Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club; Alumnae Weekend Reunion Chair, 1999 and 2003; Loyalty Fund Chair, FY 2005-2006 and FY 2006-2007.

Community Activities: President, Greater Atlanta Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP); Membership Committee, AFP International and Committee on Directorship; Director of Gifts and Giving, Junior League of Atlanta.



APRIL 18, 19 & 20, 2008

Please mark your calendar now and plan to join us next spring.

REUNION CLASSES

1923	1938	1953	1968	1983	1998
1928	1943	1958	1973	1988	2003
1933	1948	1963	1978	1993	2007



IN MEMORIAM

Mary Pate Hatfield AB '48, BFA '50

Former Dean of Students at Wesleyan and Professor Emerita of Speech Mary Pate Hatfield '48 died on August 6, 2007. A lifelong resident of Macon, Dean Hatfield also received her BFA degree from Wesleyan in 1950. After completing additional graduate work at Northwestern University, she received her master's degree from Columbia University. Her career at Wesleyan spanned 37 years, where she was very involved with student life on campus and admired by colleagues and students, especially by members of the Class of 1960 who named her class sponsor. In 1974 she was one of the writers of the Wesleyan historical musical revue "This is Where it All Began." Active as an alumna and in the Macon community, Mary Hatfield was a former president of Macon Little Theatre, twice served as president of the Georgia Speech Communication Association, and will be remembered for directing numerous theatre productions, both on and off campus, and for her cheerful demeanor and ready smile.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Hall Knox '40

On May 1, 2007, the Wesleyan family said farewell to one of its most beloved alumnae, Ruth Hall Knox, class of 1940. She will always be remembered for her grace, elegance, charm, and love for family, friends, church, and, of course, Wesleyan.

The Wesleyan connection ran throughout Mrs. Knox's family, with her three sisters and two sisters-in-law also graduating from the college. Both daughters eagerly arrived at Wesleyan several decades later. Her husband and son have served on its Board of Trustees since the 1960s. Her younger daughter, Ruth Austin Knox, also served on the Board of Trustees, and as its chair from 1994 to 2002, before she became Wesleyan's 24th president and first alumna president. No mother could have been more proud.

An English and history major at Wesleyan, Ruth Hall Knox was a marvelous student and an enthusiastic participant in a myriad of college activities. She was active in the Debaters Club, Glee Club, International Relations Club, the Watchtower, and the Georgia Federation of College Women. She was a member of the "W" Club plus an outstanding member of the soccer, basketball, and swimming teams for four years. A member of the Tennis Club for three years, she served as its president for one. A Most Representative Senior, she was also named to Who's Who Among American College and University Students.



An active alumna and generous supporter, Mrs. Knox's legacy continues through two scholarships she established at Wesleyan in memory and in honor of her two daughters. The Mary Knox McNeill Memorial Scholarship provides scholarship assistance to students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement along with a commitment to faith and community service. The Ruth Austin Knox Scholarship provides much-needed support to deserving students in an array of academic disciplines. Mrs. Knox and her husband, along with Mary Lyles '34 and Peter Knox, also established the Knox Chair of Humanities currently held by Professor of English Matt Martin.

A resident of Thomson, Georgia, for more than sixty years, she was married to Robert Edward Knox for fifty years. She was mother to four, grandmother to seven, and the matriarch of a large extended family. For sixty years, she hosted a Christmas Eve celebration for the Knox family in her home, which grew to include more than eighty members.

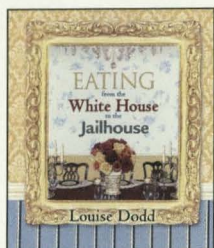
The daughter of a Methodist minister, Mrs. Knox was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, serving in virtually every capacity at Thomson First United Methodist Church. She was a devoted member and president of the Alathean Sunday School class, a teacher of the junior and senior youth class for many years, and a longtime member of the administrative board and church council. She also served on various boards and committees of the North Georgia Annual Conference, including the founding board of the Simpsonwood Conference Center.

Known throughout Thomson for her beautiful lawn and gardens and for her flower arrangements, Mrs. Knox was a fine gardener, and a dedicated member of the Garden Study Club and McDuffie Garden Council, serving as president several times.

Blessed with extraordinary beauty, intellect, and compassion, she was an inspiring example of faith, friendship, and family devotion. Our love and condolences to the family of Ruth Hall Knox. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by her Wesleyan family and friends.

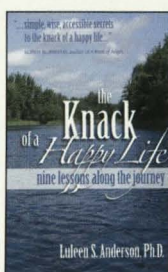
Book Notes

Book Notes features a selection of new releases authored by Wesleyan alumnae, faculty, staff, and board members. Authors whose books are designated as A Give Back Book (W) donate a portion of their book sales to Wesleyan. If you'd like us to feature your new release, send the information to our editor at swelsh@wesleyancollege.edu.



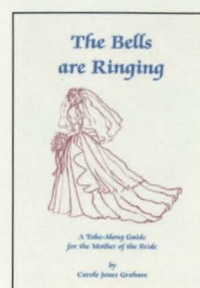
What's Cookin'. As the introduction to her book states, Louise Futrelle Dodd's idols are chefs. Her love of cooking and food has given her a

career that spans nearly fifty years. After graduating from Wesleyan in 1949, she built her career as a food columnist and critic at the *Dublin Herald* and then for *Macon Magazine*. Since that time, she has traveled the globe in pursuit of a good meal or good recipe. *Eating from the White House to the Jailhouse*, is an eclectic mix of the recipes she has collected along the way. \$25 includes shipping. Contact 478.474.8294. (W)



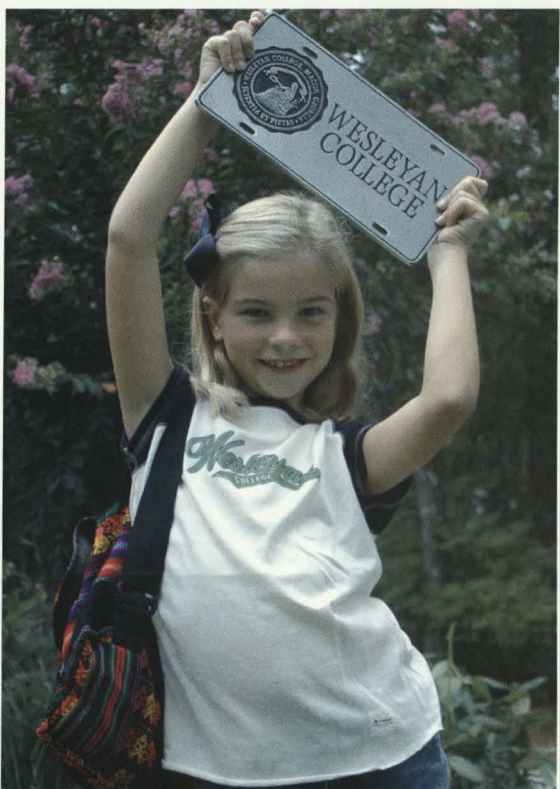
A happy life is our choice... misery is optional! Alumnae author, psychologist, and Wilma! magazine columnist Dr. Luleen Sandefur Anderson '58 has assembled a collection of her articles and new writings — and a

lifetime of wisdom and experience — in *The Knack of a Happy Life: Nine Lessons along the Journey*. With compassion, gentle humor, and insight, her brief essays guide readers through the major turning points of our lives. The 288-page book is available from Winoca Press (910) 297-5108 or winocapress.com and is also available in bookstores (ISBN 978-0-9789736-3-6 / Trade paperback / \$19.95. (W)



Carole Jones Graham '65 has written 30 years worth of expertise in her book, *The Bells are Ringing - A Take Along Guide for the Mother of the Bride*. This purse sized book takes an organ-

ized and easy-to-follow approach to an exciting event. Featured in the July-August 2007 edition of *Southern Lady Magazine*, the book is also a perfect gift for those who need to know. Her new book, *Basic Manners for Adults in a Rush*, will be released in spring 2008. *The Bells are Ringing* may be purchased for \$12 plus shipping from southernrenaissance.com publishing, and is available in gift stores. (W)



Gifts that Give Back to your alma mater

Dress your little ones in everything Wesleyan. The campus bookstore stocks a wide variety of sweatshirts and t-shirts from size newborn to XXL. Order the one pictured here in blue or green – it's the **Wesleyan girlie-Tee short-sleeved baseball jersey** in 100% cotton by Champion and is priced at \$19.99. Or wrap yourself in the hot selling **Wesleyan fleece blanket** (\$29.95). Feels like your favorite sweatshirt and improves with every washing.

The campus bookstore is one stop shopping for Wesleyan car plates, bumper stickers, coffee mugs, stationery, jewelry, and more. New, beautiful **purple ceramic bowls** (\$12.95) boast the Wesleyan wordmark and look great holding everything from potted plants to pennies!

A wide selection of backpacks is complemented by the colorful Lovely Bag Ladies mini packs and bags. Perfect for any age, these bags are made in Peru by women working in a small cooperative (\$23.65 for the one pictured).

Stop by the campus bookstore next time you're on campus. Or, call us to place a phone order at (478) 757.5233.

Coming soon! Pure 100% silk men's tie features the class colors of Wesleyan. Cost: \$45 plus tax and shipping. This Wesleyan College exclusive item will be available in late November, just in time for Christmas! Pre-order now by calling Lia at (478) 757.2802.



A Day in the Life: *of a Leader's Daughter*

Eileen Morrow, former assistant dean of students, remembers a day in the life of Yolanda King. The day was January 11, 1996. The eldest daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. came to Wesleyan College and delivered a special convocation address recognizing the national holiday that honors her father's legacy.

It was more than eleven years ago, but the day carried great significance for many Wesleyan students, faculty, staff, and members of the middle Georgia community. Those who gathered in Porter Auditorium in 1996 remembered the day, the message, the life, and the woman this year on May 16, 2007, the last day in the life of Yolanda King.

Those who gathered in 1996 did so to hear the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. Not a recorded video or theatrical recitation, but the words of empowerment from the leader's daughter. Yolanda King quoted her father with messages to "either learn to live together as brothers and sisters or perish together as fools."

Eileen Morrow was responsible for arranging King's appearance that day. The convocation came at a time when there were many discussions about achieving diversity on campus. Yolanda King was a strong role model for young women and students turned out in large number to help organize the day.

"When I talked with Ms. King prior to her visit, I told her of the College's ongoing diversity efforts and asked her if she could connect remarks about her father's dream to achieving diversity within the campus community," recalled Morrow. "She asked students to make a commitment to honor and celebrate diversity at Wesleyan and in the greater community."

And more. Yolanda King asked students to consider the spirit of service and the role of women. She explained that women sparked the civil rights movement with actions like Rosa Park's refusal to sit at the back of the



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bus and that, although not well-documented, women have always "been at the helm of struggles for equality." Students were encouraged to celebrate with action as Yolanda King reiterated that Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is "a day on, not off... a day for service, not shopping."

Eleven years later, many of those students remember the power and relevance of King's message. Some are living that message. Jackie Slaton '97 was, at the time, a junior majoring in international relations and a member of the student government association. She was impressed with Yolanda King's words and presence.

"I did not expect someone from a family with so much historical significance to be so humble," said Slaton. "She was surprisingly relatable and opened herself to us with advice and encouragement to make a difference."

Today Slaton teaches French at G.A. Towns Elementary School, located in the lower economic Bankhead neighborhood of Atlanta, and making a difference to

under-privileged, inner-city children is exactly what she is trying to do. She believes that teaching foreign language and relating her experiences abroad with these children will help close the economic gap by showing them what opportunities lie outside for them.

On May 16, 2007, at age 51, Yolanda King collapsed and died from an undetected heart condition. She pursued her father's dream of racial harmony through drama and motivational speaking and founded Higher Ground Productions, a company billed as a 'gateway for inner peace, unity and global transformation.' She described her mission as encouraging personal growth and positive social change. Her life was an extension of the message she delivered while on campus for a day.

While Yolanda's stop in Macon was just one of many speeches, it remains a day of significance for many of those who packed into Porter Auditorium on January 11, 1996. Her message and personal testimony of equal rights continues well beyond one day in the life of a leader's daughter.



Upcoming Events

Five Women Wearing the Same Dress

Written by Alan Ball
October 11, 12, 13, 2007 / 8PM
Wesleyan College Porter Auditorium
A wickedly funny, and touching comedy!
\$8 full price, \$4 students, alumnae, and senior citizens. For tickets call 757-5259.

Race for the Cure

Saturday, October 20, 2007
Wesleyan College. Race plus fun activities.
Proceeds benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. For information on pre-event registration call 757-5272. Onsite registration available.

Free Fiscal Fitness Lecture

Thursday, October 25, 2007 / 11AM
Ann Smith, a local CPA, will discuss a variety of tax and business issues. Wesleyan College, Taylor Hall Peyton Anderson Amphitheater 757-5134. Free and open to the public.

Munroe Science Center Dedication

Friday, November 2, 2007 at 2PM
Dr. LaSalle Doheny Leffall, Jr. will speak.
Free and open to the public.

Ogden Campbell

Collection of American Art

Helena Eastman Ogden Campbell (1879-1964): American Painter and Collector.
November 1, 2007 – January 31, 2008.
Cowles Myles Collier East & West Galleries, Porter Fine Arts Building
Gallery Hours: M-F, 10AM-12PM & 12:30-5PM.

Opening Reception:

Thursday, November 1, 2007; 6:30-8:30PM.

Charles Wesley:

The Sweet Singer of Methodism

Tuesday, November 6, 2007 / 11:15 AM
Wesleyan College, Benson Room
Presenters: Rev. Dave Hanson, Ellen Hanson, and Michael McGhee.
Free and open to the public.

Free Fiscal Fitness Lecture

Thursday, November 8, 2007 / 11AM
Wesleyan College, Taylor Hall Peyton Anderson Amphitheater.
 Sylvia Jones, a student loan expert, will discuss credit and financing for young women. Free and open to the public.

Wesleyan's annual AXIS International Dinner

Saturday, November 17, 2007 / 5PM
Wesleyan College Anderson Dining Hall.
Traditional cuisine representing several different countries will be prepared by international students. \$5 per person; all you can eat!

Trust

November 29 – December 1, 2007 / 8PM
Grassmann-Porter Studio Theatre
New psychological thriller written and directed by Michael McKinney.
\$8 full price, \$4 students and senior citizens. Please call 757-5259.

Wesleyan's Annual Fall Recital

Monday, November 12, 2007 / 7PM
Wesleyan College Porter Auditorium
Free and open to the public. 757-5259.

Wesleyan's Annual Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 2, 2007 / 4PM
Wesleyan College Porter Auditorium
A celebrated annual concert featuring offerings by the Wesleyan Concert Choir and the Wesleyannes. Free and open to the public. Please call 757-5259.

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